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Hampton Script Delays Publishing

BY **AYESHA RASCOE**
Hilltop Staff Writer

The pictures were taken, the articles were written and edited. Hampton University's school newspaper, The Hampton Script, was ready to be delivered to the Hampton student body, but there was one problem: the paper could not be printed because the staff lacked an editorial adviser.

An advisory board, composed of students, administrators and faculty, which was created after the controversy surrounding The Script last year, made the decision that the newspaper could not go to press as scheduled on Sept. 29.

"Our former advisers resigned because they had other obligations," said Talia Buford, the editor-in-chief of The Script. While Buford said she knew that every campus organization was required to have an adviser, she thought since the staff did have a business adviser that The Script met the requirement. She was mistaken.

"I knew the advisory board was looking for an [editorial] adviser, but I never thought that it would stop us from printing," she said.

The advisory board did eventually find advisers for the student newspaper.

According to Blackcollegewire.org, on Oct. 4, the board named three members of Hampton's faculty as advisers: Kia DuPree, an English professor, Christina Pinkston-Betts, an English professor who has advised the newspaper on grammar, and Doug Smith, a visiting professor who has worked for USA Today. With the new advisers on board, the first issue of The Script is scheduled to run on Oct. 13.

Though the newspaper will now be published, because of the delay, some time sensitive

See **HAMPTON**, News A5

Slowe Hall Residents Advised To Secure Themselves

BY **CHARREAH JACKSON**
Asst. Campus Editor

Safety may move to the top of the list for Slowe Hall residents, with three robberies taking place since the beginning of the school year, as students walk to and from campus.

"I am not comfortable at Slowe, and the location and neighborhood are not as residential as they claim," said Asha Farrah, sophomore biology major and Slowe occupant.

"A friend of mine got robbed in broad daylight. I don't [mess] with the shuttle. They have a schedule, but the [driver] doesn't go by it. If I

have a test or something, I don't have the time to wait. I just walk."

For students like Farrah recent reports of robbery in the Slowe community may make them think twice before walking to campus.

"My boy Richard Turner was robbed last week and when he reported it to campus police, they said they could not do anything about it because it was 'aggressive pan-handling,'" said Eric Jackson, a sophomore finance major and Slowe Hall lobby monitor. "Students have a responsibility and should walk or wait for shuttles, but I don't feel the University does its part.

Campus Police are always in the lobby, but no one has ever come in my dorm room and robbed me. They need to be on the outside, when it's happening."

Interim Chief of Campus Police Lawrence Thomas asserted that even with recent robberies, the campus crime rates have not increased since last school year. He also confirmed the count of robberies in the Slowe Hall area at three, although he was not available for additional comments at press time.

For Taishan Blige, a senior

See **SLOWE**, News A5



Maya Gilliam-Senior Photo Editor

Slowe Hall residents walking to and from class have been the victims of recent robberies in the area. With shuttle delays and escort inconsistencies, campus police and dorm administrators advise students to avoid late-night strolls.

Tweet Makes No Mistake With Band



Maya Gilliam-Senior Photo Editor

National recording artist Tweet, presented by EPP, performed one of her hits "Oops" with the Howard University Showtime Marching Band during halftime of the Bison game on Saturday.

Center Gives Students An Outlet

BY **RUSHONDRA J. JAMES**
Contributing Writer

In recent years, the Howard University Counseling Center has seen an increase in students suffering from depression. Depression is a chemical imbalance and is considered a form of mental illness.

It can be cured if diagnosed patients receive treatment. Treatment can come in the form of a prescription, psychologist or a well-needed vacation. Though these solutions are accessible, they can be quite expensive for the college student who is working and paying tuition.

Howard addressed this problem through student counseling at the University Counseling Center located on the corner of 6th and Bryant Streets that offers a plethora of services for dealing with depression and other adjustments to college life.

Nicole Scott-Connerly, a licensed counseling psychologist in the Counseling Center, feels that students take advantage of services especially when it comes to depression.

"The number of students reporting to the counseling service has increased over the years," Scott-Connerly said.

Last year, 30 percent of all students coming into the Counseling Center suffered from some form of depression. This year approximately 39.6 percent of all cases have been related to depression.

College freshmen especially feel the effects of increased pressure that results from being away from home for the first time, adjusting to a heavier class load and living with new roommates.

Scott-Connerly refers to the adjustment period of freshmen as the "New Student Blues." However, she said that depression is often more than just the blues.

"Clinical depression has symptoms that last more than two weeks. Clinical depression has to do with chemical imbalance."

See **CENTER**, News A5

Architecture Students Display Work in First Annual Showcase

BY **LAUREN STEPHENS**
Hilltop Staff Writer

While most students on campus know the School of Architecture as a place to wait on the shuttle or for a quick pit stop, on Thursday the Howard H. Mackey building was abuzz with architecture students, faculty, and professionals.

The first annual School of Architecture showcase was a daylong event that featured a slideshow presentation of various projects, a career fair, and forum for students and architecture professionals.

In the works since January, the showcase was organized by Jenifer Scott, a fifth-year architecture student who saw the need for her classmates to have a creative outlet for their hard work.

"I felt like we needed to do

something to present ourselves in a creative way to architecture professionals and to other students on campus. There is so much creativity in architecture and we don't get to express it," Scott said.

Other architecture students saw the showcase as a way to include students from the rest of the schools on campus and educate them about what architecture students do.

"All you normies come see what we are up to. We never come out of the building for a reason. We are trying to effect change here within the Howard University community also, within the larger D.C. area and the world. That's what we are about, we are doing this for you all, it is a public service," said Desmond Grimball, a fourth-year architecture student and co-secretary of the showcase

committee.

The featured projects were class assignments based on original ideas and studies of an array of existing structures, ranging from the Guggenheim Museum in New York City to an apartment building in Sydney, Australia. The drawings and three-dimensional pieces were constructed of paper, wood, and other materials crafted in to detailed and colorful architectural structures.

"I thought [the students] were very, very talented. It just interested me to look at the different structures because I could never do something like that. I have come in and seen a couple of friends doing their projects and today I saw the finished projects and it was really nice," said Oby Ogbuawa, a junior physical therapy major.

Architecture students whose



Maya Gilliam-Senior Photo Editor

The School of Architecture began a new tradition for students by holding its premiere student showcase. Planned by students, the event included forums, visual presentations and a career fair for students to speak with professionals in the industry.

work was not featured in the showcase came out to lend support to their classmates and are hopeful about the possible rewards of the showcase.

"I know the work that they are doing and the work is good.

We need to step our game up and put ourselves back on the map. Howard was known as the top Black college to produce Black architects; we are produc-

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ROTC Students Prepare for Life After College

BY SHARI LOGAN
Contributing Writer

The young men and women that are seen walking across Howard's campus in army fatigue or in white and navy blue are just like any other student. They have majors such as marketing, psychology or computer science. In their free time, they bowl, play basketball and go to parties. The only difference between them and other students is that most of them will eventually choose to serve their country after graduation.

One division of the Reserves Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) at Howard is the Army. According to Major Ronnie M. Davis, enrollment/scholarship officer of the Army ROTC, their goal is to produce commissioned officers that will be leaders in the Armed Forces.

"It is the best leadership course here at Howard University," Davis said.

Students who are part of ROTC are either in a four-year or two-year program.

At Howard both programs consist of taking Introduction



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For many students, ROTC is not just a means to finance their education, but the opportunity for leadership training and other skills.

to ROTC, Leadership Lab and Lead Challenging-Goal Setting.

Davis believes that classes like these will benefit any individual, since they allow students to accept responsibility and efficiently execute managerial roles in the corporate world

as well.

Paris Chavis, a sophomore interior design major, agrees and cites that as one her primary reasons for joining the ROTC.

"This program is giving me the experience and leader-

ship to eventually have my own franchise in salon design one day," she said.

Davis is also on a full scholarship and is comforted by the fact that she will have a job after graduation.

The two-year program, which is designed for rising juniors, has the same classes as the four-year program, but is taught at a quicker pace. It begins with a Leaders Training Course that lasts for five weeks and runs throughout the summer months before junior year and is equivalent to the courses taken in the first two years of the four-year program.

After completion in any one of these programs and fulfillment of the requirements to receive an undergraduate degree, a student will graduate as a commissioned officer and hold the position of second lieutenant.

Dontae Payne, a senior computer information systems major, says he is gaining leadership experience as Battalion commander.

"My position has benefited me in other ways as well," he

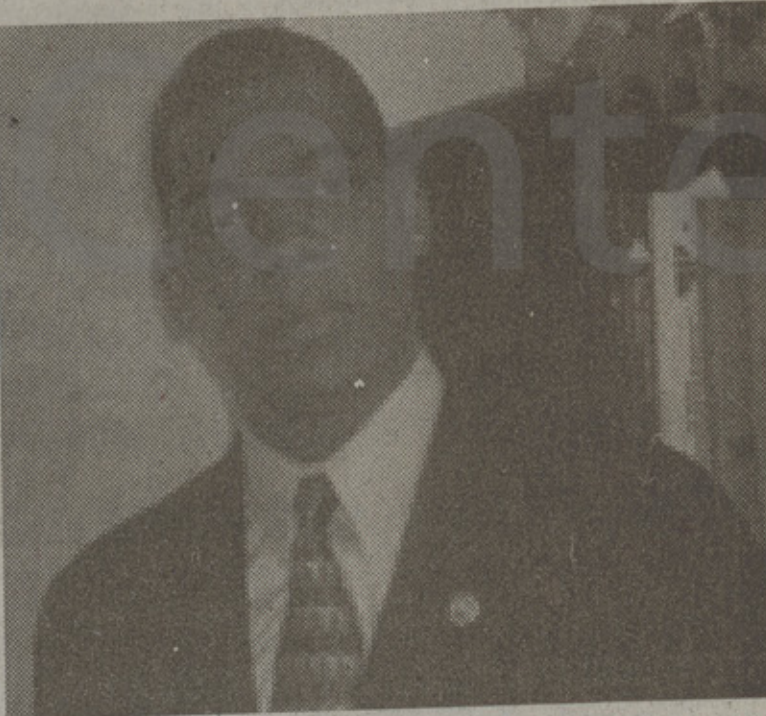
said. "Since I have to talk to about 35 cadets on a regular basis, I found that my public speaking has improved. When I used to be in class prior to holding this position, I wasn't able to project my voice that well, now I can."

Scholarships valued up to \$23,000 a year are available to students. Scholarship students also receive a book allowance and a yearly stipend between \$2,500 and \$4,000.

However, upon receiving a scholarship, students must maintain a 2.5 GPA and sign a contract that obligates them to an eight-year term in the military after graduation.

Joining the active military for four years and serving in the Army National Guard (ARNG), United States Army Reserve (USAR), or the Inactive Ready Reserve for another four years may satisfy the eight-year term. A student can also decide to serve in the ANRG or USAR for the entire eight years, but this option includes a three to six month active duty for training.

See ROTC, News A9



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Rooke Takes On New Position

BY NICOLE REED
Contributing Writer

The Office of Student Activities will no longer have constant access to their in-house mentor, adviser and friend Rasheem Rooke.

On Friday, Oct. 1, Rooke officially began his new position as Director of Student Services in the Office of the Dean of Special Student Services, located in the Howard Center.

Although he will no longer be in the office in Blackburn Center, his presence will still be felt in other areas of the University. Rooke will now be responsible for the judicial affairs of the University, issues dealing with the Code of Conduct and compliance to it. Specifically, he will manage the procedure of due process. If a student is accused of violating the Code of Conduct, Rooke oversees the process to prove whether or not the student committed the crime and the consequences that go along with the verdict.

"I want to look for active solutions to those problems you hear about and don't act on," Rooke said of his new position.

Rooke, a popular administrator of the university since August 1999, started out as a Graduate Assistant to the Programs Coordinator. After about nine months he was promoted to the Assistant Director for Leadership Development and Community Service and

See ROOKE, Campus A4

New Student Organization Aims to Enlighten Minds

BY BLAIR A. EDWARDS
Contributing Writer

Last year, four Drew Hall residents came together wondering why are things the way they are in the Black community and why many issues are accepted as the status quo.

This year, finance majors Fred Hines, Amos Nugent, Trevor Prince and international business major Dwight Ramsay, all sophomores, came together to create a new Howard University organization, Enlightened Minds, to encourage students to stop accepting things for what they are and not only "talk the talk, but walk the walk."

The mission of Enlightened Minds is to challenge the way that students think about themselves and life in general. The founders want students to not only become the change they want to see in the world, but to lead the cause for this change.

"Don't just map out your life for yourself, that's selfish. It's important that we have a community mindset instead of an everyone for himself attitude," Nugent said.

"I want to pull everyone up the way I would pull myself up as if I was fighting alone," Hines said.

The organization plans to diminish tendencies that prevent individuals from enjoying ultimate happiness and success in their lives. To attempt to eradicate these problems, they will address and devote their time to issues such as the common excuses and obstacles that prevent individuals from accomplishing their goals.

"What's the point of being successful if you don't have the ability to help someone get where [you are]?" Ramsay asked.

Enlightened Minds notes the importance and the necessity of developing a sense of commu-

nity among African-Americans so that, as a whole, they can take steps of progressions instead of just a select and privileged few.

"This is important so that a select few of us won't be looking down the mountain at the rest of us," Nugent said.

"I thought I was the only one who thought about things like this," said Kasani Jamison, a junior sports medicine/pre-med major. "Everybody working together, I would like to see that in the student body as a whole."

Enlightened Minds will hold bi-weekly meetings that will include discussions on books they would like members to read and quotes that they believe have deep meaning.

The first book they encourage members to read is "Think and Grow Rich" by Napoleon Hill. The founders want students to read this book, not just for monetary reasons, but to learn that if one puts their mind

to it, has passion and drive, and follows through with ideas, then they have the possibility to accomplish anything.

Freshman biology major Akeem Joseph understands the vision of the organization. "We are comfortable once we get to a certain status and we don't try to get higher."

"African-Americans are the largest consumers, yet so many still live in poverty," Nugent said. "We as a people have to get on the same page and learn to support each other. We have much more power than we realize."

The founders have gone against the traditional executive titles such as president and vice-president. Instead, they have opted to follow the lead of the Supreme Court and serve as board members and rotate as the chairperson of the board.

"We didn't want a president or vice president. All of us want-

ed a big role and this way everybody's voice is heard," Ramsay said.

Enlightened Minds will also be assisting the School of Business' "Men's Only Conference" sponsored by the 21st Century Advantage Program. The conference will be held Friday, Oct. 15, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Hines said the group came up with the name Enlightened Minds "to get the purpose of the organization across, so that people will understand it isn't just an action group and not just a thinking group."

"Bring your ideas to us and we will work towards putting it in action," Prince said.

Enlightened Minds will hold their next meeting Wednesday, Oct. 20 in the School of Business, room 218.

Hispanic Heritage Month Sheds Light on Latino Culture

BY NAKIA HILL
Contributing Writer

Howard University reference librarian, Leida I. Torres said, "I am not Hispanic one month out of the year, I am Hispanic all year." Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 every year in the United States. Like Black History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month was initially created by having a weekly celebration.

After Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim National Hispanic Heritage Week in Sept. 1968, it was expanded into a month-long celebration in 1988.

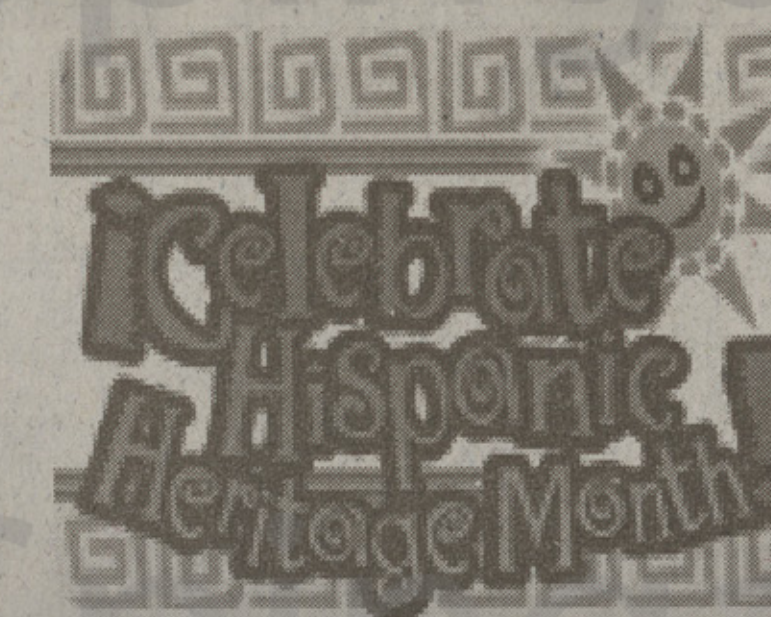
"The Latino culture is beau-

tiful," said Ronald Chacon, arts coordinator for the Latin American Youth Center.

Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to commemorate the accomplishments of Hispanics, their various cultures, and their contributions to the United States.

Torres believes Hispanic Heritage Month is similar to Black History Month because it is a time of recognition of everything Latinos have accomplished.

Accomplished Hispanics includes astronaut Ellen Ochoa, the world's first Hispanic female to leave earth in July 1991, Nydia Velázquez, first Puerto Rican woman elected to Congress from New York in 1992, and Cesar



Chavez, who many people compare to civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.

The beginning date of Sept. 15 was chosen because it marks the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua.

"I think it's good that there is a month to celebrate Hispanic heritage because now they are

the top minority in the country. So, with that amount of people you really need a month to reflect and celebrate the people we have in the United States," said sophomore international business major James Carpenter.

According to last year's Census Bureau reports, Hispanics make up the largest minority population in the U.S. They represent 13.7 percent of the U.S. total population, excluding residents of Puerto Rico, compared to African-Americans who make up 13 percent of population.

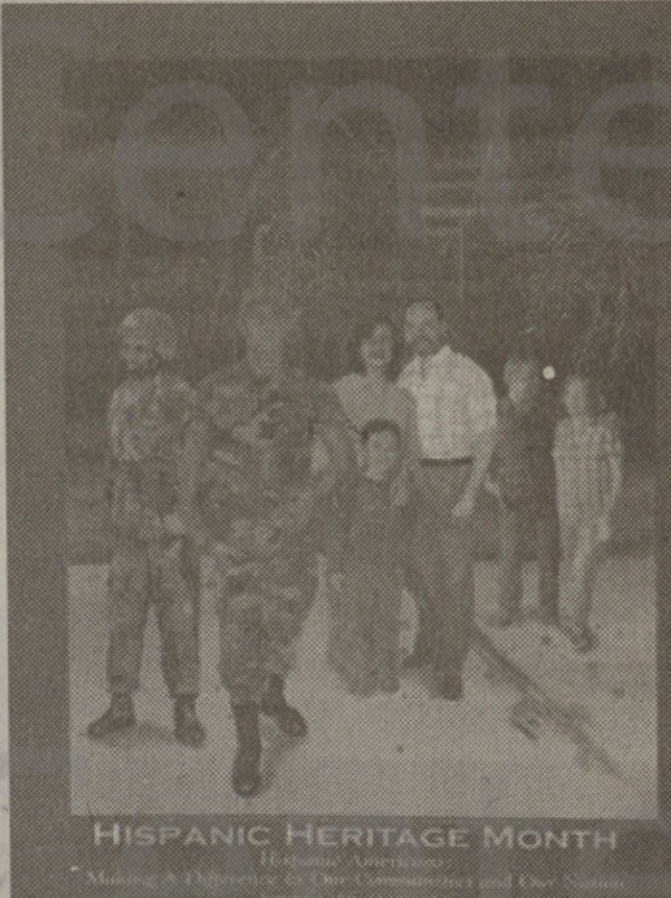
"I think we should acknowledge Hispanic heritage month on Howard's campus," Carpenter said.

As Hispanic Heritage Month

reaches its conclusion, some residents in the D.C. community feel as though there was no publicity or enough events held to commemorate Hispanics.

"You don't hear about Hispanic Heritage Month, you hear more about Cinco de Mayo. In the early 1980s the D.C. community celebrated Hispanic heritage by having a parade marching from the Mt. Pleasant area all the way to the mall with floats and festive activities," Chacon said. "You don't see a lot of people celebrating in D.C. [Hispanic heritage month] and I guess one of the reasons is because of the Latino festival conflict in D.C."

The Latin American Youth Center in D.C. celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month by



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hosting a Latin American festival including food, dance, and music at the at the Cardoza Field.

"Hispanic Heritage Month is not necessarily for Hispanics, but for others to know and learn about the culture and diversity," Torres said.

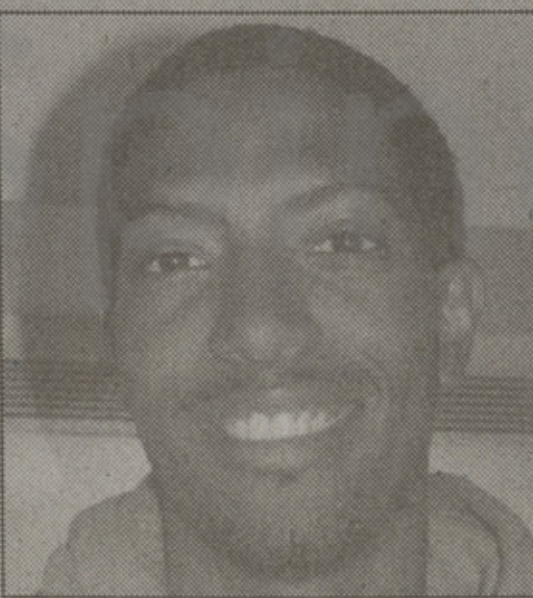
VOICES & VIEWS

What are you doing for the celebration of the Hispanic Heritage month?



Asha Baldon
Biology
Senior

"I knew it was Hispanic Heritage month, but I haven't celebrated it since middle school when programs were implemented to do so."



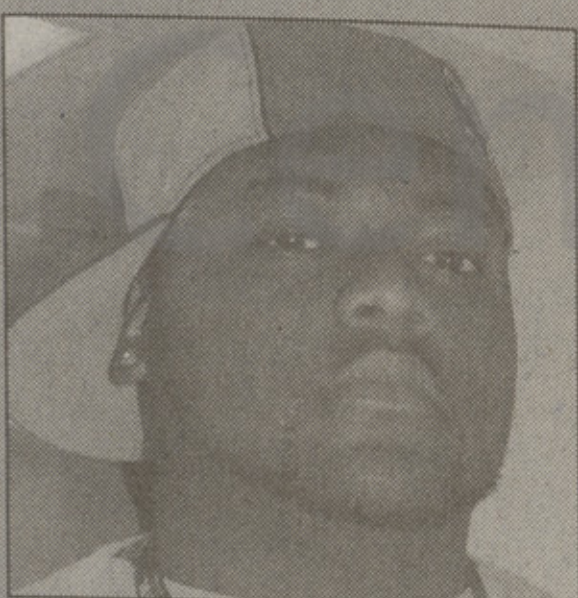
Jamal Johnson
Pre-Physical Therapy
Senior

"I was unaware of its existence."



LaToya Hardaway
International Business
Junior

"I don't have any special way of celebrating the holiday, but if you ask about Black History Month, I would have a better response."



Kendrick Jordan
Physical Therapy
Senior


"Nothing because I am not Hispanic, nor did I know that it was during this month."

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SHARA'S SOAPBOX:



The Complex Inferiority, Part Two

BY SHARA D. TAYLOR
Campus/Online Editor

This is the second in a two-part series in which I attempt to analyze my place in the world as a young, Black woman destined to do great things.

One decade after being uprooted from the only neighborhood I had known for 11 years, I still think about it everyday. I don't think about it in a nostalgic sense because I don't have a desire to immediately re-establish a permanent residence there. But I do have a strong desire to take what I have gained from Howard and my other life experiences and use it to build up what I left behind.

We leave our communities and vow to go back, but somewhere along the way we get settled, become complacent, and grow stagnant. The struggle that remains in my head day after day is that I fail to understand how to fuse the two worlds together. How do I get my people to understand the power they possess to change their own worlds?

My personal experience has been that when one of us makes a conscious effort to move forward, there is a group of us waiting for that person to fail. And if and when they fail, we are standing with open arms to welcome them back to our already overcrowded corner of ignorance.

Why is that? Why do we as Black people, the descendants of African kings and queens, continue to perpetuate this slave way of thinking? Is it because we are afraid of our own success? Or is it that we are afraid to face those who have left us because they remind us of what we can accomplish, but refuse to take the challenge?

No matter where we go as Black people, we are still victims of the same thought process—a thought process that hinders our growth and keeps us mentally shackled. Whether we're in the ghetto or the suburbs, we have all found ourselves battling the same mentality.

My mother (a single parent) should not have been forced to make a decision between living in an area with sub par educational opportunities or moving to a more encouraging environment so that her child could grow and develop to be placed in a position to make a difference.

My mom grew up during a time period when Black people did not have the option to move away, so they did the most with what they had. It seems that today we make excuses for why we can't do better, but those who came before us accomplished so much with so little.

I am the result of a grandmother who never made it past the eighth grade and a mother who hustled to make sure that my future would be limitless. Do I want to go back to the same struggles they fought? No.

At the time, I did not understand (or even accept) my mother's choice to move. Now, I can say that it makes more sense to me today than ever before. It wasn't because she wanted to; it was because she had to.

As future leaders for America and the global community, we have a responsibility to effect change at all levels. But how do we do this effectively when our community continues to divide itself?

Send comments to sharaoncampus@hotmail.com.

Campus Calendar

Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2004

American Marketing Association Interest Meeting
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
School of Business 200

HU P.E.E.R.S.
6:30 p.m.
Locke Hall 253
Dues Collected

Arts and Sciences Student Council Social Sciences Week
African Studies, African American Studies, and History

7:30 p.m.
Douglass Hall 125

Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004

American Advertising Federation
Tom Burrell Chapter 2nd Annual New Members Reception
Guest speaker-Ann Fudge
6 p.m.
Blackburn Auditorium

Circle K
General Body Meeting
7 p.m.

Douglass Hall 116

Arts and Sciences Student Council Social Sciences Week
Political Science, Anthropology, and Economics
7:30 p.m.
Douglass Hall 125

Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004

Arts and Sciences Student Council Social Sciences Week
Air Force and Army ROTC

7:30 p.m.
Douglass Hall 125

Haitian Student Association
"Ayiti Cherie: Help Haiti Plant Trees"
7 p.m.
Blackburn Forum

Friday, Oct. 15, 2004

21st Century Advantage Program
"For Men Only"
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
School of Business

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Panel Explores the Lives of Afro-Latina Women

BY KAREN LAWRENCE
Contributing Writer

Last Thursday, the Ralph J. Bunche Center for International Affairs hosted a forum analyzing Afro-Latina American women and their role in the community as leaders.

Cimarrones, a Black student union of Caribbean, Central and South American students, sponsored the forum.

The panel consisted of five Afro-Latina women from Peru, Colombia, Guatemala and Ecuador. The women comprise AfroAmerica XXI, an organization that not only pushes for social, economic, and political change in Latin America, but also works to raise interna-

tional awareness of Afro-Latina Americans.

While the panelists discussed a wide variety of topics, the issues of poverty, social status of women and racial identity dominated the forum.

The unawareness of Blacks in South American countries is not solely restricted to the United States. One of the panelists recalled an incident when she was unable to travel outside of her country of Argentina. She was told that her passport was false because Blacks do not exist in Argentina.

The few Afro-Latinas who do live in South America reside in poor urban neighborhoods, lacking plumbing and electricity. Educational opportuni-

ties are a rare commodity and approximately 76 percent of the population is illiterate. For every five Afro-Latinas who do manage to attend a university, only one graduates.

"We deserve equality; this is why we're working on it," said Cecilia Ramirez, the Peruvian panelist, who works with an organization dealing with leadership and health problems in the Afro-Peruvian community.

The panelists also stressed sexism as a major hurdle to overcome. In countries like Colombia, many women are victims of domestic violence. They flee their homes with their children in search of better lives. A significant number of women turn to prostitution as

temporary relief from economic bondage, traveling to foreign countries to sell their bodies in exchange for money that they send home to their families.

One of the questions posed to the panelists was how they defined "being Black."

"A Black person is considered one with a dark complexion and rhythm in his hips," replied Gloria de Silba, a retired teacher from Guatemala.

Ramirez responded that Black means everything that is negative.

"Black means excluded, marginalized. Nobody wants to be Black," she said.

Being Black also has negative connotations in Colombia, often associated with sewers,

unfinished houses and black sheep.

The women, however, are taking strides in building Black pride, from implementing ethnic curricula in schools to providing workshops to build the self-esteem of Blacks, especially women.

Howard students, such as sophomore print journalism major Vincent Sherry, found the problems in South America to run parallel to the problems in the United States.

"We have some of the same problems in our community—poverty, venereal diseases, violence and political efficacy—but theirs is more virulent," he said.

Know Your University: A Bridge Across and Beyond

BY SONIA SUMMERS
Contributing Writer

For many students, the numerous pieces of artwork that adorn the Howard landscape tend to blend into the background as they make their ritualistic trips to and from class each day.

"A Bridge Across and Beyond," the large sculpture that sits in the fountain in front of Argor J. Blackburn Center, has graced Howard students and visitors with its presence since 1978, when Blackburn was built.

The sculpture was donated by John Debrew, Jr., CEO of Mildred Andrew's Fund in honor of Debrew's mother, Katie May Artis Debrew and all single mothers.

The artist, Richard Hunt, a

Chicago native and graduate of the Art Institute of Chicago, is responsible for the construction of the artwork. Hunt started his career in sculpting in 1955 while he was still attending college. He started exhibiting his artwork at local affairs and galleries.

Hunt graduated from the Art Institute of Chicago in 1957, and 10 years later he became a commissioned artist. Twelve years after becoming a commissioned artist, Debrew contacted Hunt to create "A Bridge Across and Beyond."

"I see why it is called 'A Bridge Across and Beyond,'" junior Chris Bailey said. "If it is suppose to be a bridge I can see a bridge out of what he [Hunt] has made."

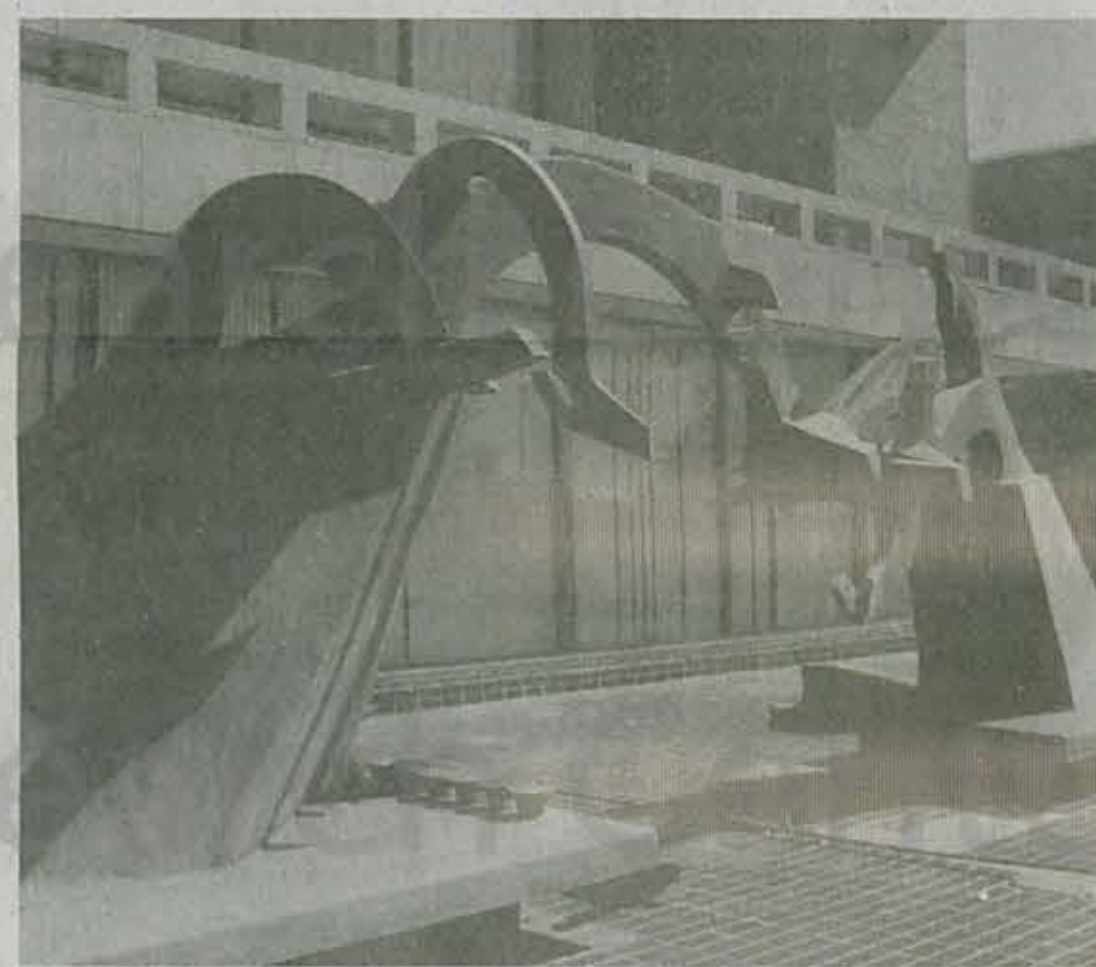
Students such as sophomore English major Shari Holmes may not understand the mean-

ing behind the welded bronze that sits in the reflective pool.

"I just thought it was something someone put together that did not make any sense," Holmes said. "You know how people put stuff together that looks really complicated, but does not have a meaning? That's what I thought it was."

Sophomore biology major Mikel Gale hopes that students will give the abstract structure more attention as they enter Blackburn on a daily basis to grab something to eat, attend meetings or socialize with friends.

Other works that can be seen by Hunt on campus include "Freedman's Column," which sits in front of Cramton Auditorium.



"A Bridge Across and Beyond" has decorated Howard's landscape since the Blackburn Center was built in 1978.

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Fisk University

Three of the eight Greek fraternities and sororities on the campus of Fisk University have been suspended following allegations of hazing prospective members. As a result, none of the organizations will be allowed to host parties or bring in new members for the 2004-2005 school year.

Members of the organizations will undergo training to learn about the proper rules and regulations of being a member of a Black Greek Letter Organization. Employees of the university will also participate in sessions that will inform them of how to identify a student who has possibly been hazed.



Florida A&M University

After questions arose about the legitimacy of 1,500 photocopied voter registration forms in Leon County, Fla., spot-checkers confirmed that the registrations were authentic. However, suspicion remains regarding their selected party affiliation. A large number of the forms, which came primarily from Florida A&M University and surrounding Black neighborhoods, were marked for the Republican Party. This caused elections supervisor Ion Sancho to question their validity since the county historically votes Democrat.

After contacting 36 of the voters, only one has said he registered under the Republican Party. Sancho called on the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to look into the matter.



Benedict College

Former Benedict College professors Larry Williams and Milwood Motley filed civil lawsuits against the school and its president David Swinton. The two are suing over breach of contract, wrongful termination and defamation after being fired from the college for not adhering to the school's Success Equals Effort grading policy. Under the policy, the professors were required to grade freshmen based on 60 percent effort and 40 percent academics. For sophomores, the policy was 50-50.

Both Williams and Motley refused to follow the formula to grade their students, citing a non-objective measuring system.

—Compiled by Shara D. Taylor

Rooke Takes Position

ROOKE, from Campus A2

then to the Associate Director in Student Activities.

During his years in the Office of Student Activities, Rooke often worked 10 to 12 hours a day and has filled every position the office had to offer at some point.

"I needed to shift gears," Rooke said. "[With the new position] I can still work with the students, but I am not in as high of a demand and I will gain administrative experience in addition to my programming experience."

Matthew Goins, assistant director for publications, is excited that another position has opened up for Rooke but will also miss his presence in the office.

"When Rasheem was in the position, his personality transcended through to the job description, so he is leaving some big shoes to be filled," Goins said.

Senior marketing major Daphney Guillaume had the privilege of being trained by Rooke in the Bison Student Leadership Program.

"He helped out a lot as far as leadership training. I would not be in the position I am now if it weren't for his training,"

she said. "He is one of the few approachable and accessible administrators who you could talk to about anything."

Nyla Lyons, assistant director for student leadership, will also miss Rooke.

"He was an asset to the office because of his relationship with the students. It will be hard for students to get attached to someone else," she said.

As director of student services, Rooke will also work with the fall and spring orientation programs.

Like others in the Student Activities office, junior human learning major Tiara Etheridge also misses seeing Rooke regularly.

"I miss his helpful and encouraging words and [his] presence in the office," she said.

While working with the Office of Student Activities, Rooke was general adviser to organizations such as the Undergraduate Student Assembly, NAACP, the Bisonette dance team and the Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pageant. He also ran the Bison Student Leadership Program and was general adviser to the Howard Homecoming Steering Committee.

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(Left) Talia Buford-Script editor-in-chief, (center) Christina Pinkston-Betts- editorial adviser, and (right) Doug Smith- new adviser.

Lack of Advisers Stops Print

HAMPTON, from Campus A1

stories had to be scrapped. The delay also upset some members of the staff and people in journalism.

"All this stuff should have been taken care of before we got back to school," said Erin L. Hill, the campus editor. Hill, a senior print journalism major, said the staff should have been made aware that they would not be able to print so they would not have wasted their time.

"It is still like a slap in the face," Hill said. "I do feel that someone should have been appointed."

Buford, who is also a senior print journalism major, was more positive about the situation.

"I was frustrated but I knew everything would be all right," Buford said. She said she does not know why an adviser was not hired sooner but she feels the administration was caught off guard when the last adviser left.

"Right now I'm not really concerned. I'm just glad the issue got resolved," she said.

Buford says she is looking forward to working with the new advisers because she thinks they "understand journalism."

One of the new advisers, Smith, a Hampton alumnus, agrees with Buford's sentiment. He plans to work with reporters on their skills, as well as with editors on writing things such as headlines and captions. Smith said he volunteered to be adviser because there was a need.

"I felt even though I'm going to be here only a semester, I wanted to make sure students have an opportunity to work with the newspaper," Smith said.

Though the delay in printing may have disturbed some of the staff members, Smith felt it was justified. According to Smith, every school newspaper needs an adviser to make sure that information is accurate, responsible, and that no libel is involved.

Even professional newspapers around the country have to be scrutinized at every level, he said.

Smith may have had no problem with the delay but it

raised red flags with other members of the journalism industry. "We're very troubled by it," said Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center. "The school should have appointed someone temporarily."

Goodman urged the staff to continue to pressure this issue with the administration. "What I would hope is that they would continue to stand up for good journalism," he said.

Like Goodman, Yanick Rice Lamb, a Howard journalism professor and The Hilltop's adviser, felt that situation could have been handled better by the advisory board. She feels that although advisers are important, The Script could have been published without an adviser's input.

"I don't think it's essential," Lamb said. "I don't think it should stop production. We're here to help and assist."

Lamb also mentioned the College Media Advisors' Code of Ethics, which encourages advisers not to be heavy-handed or to censor the newspaper.

Center Treats Depressed Students

CENTER, from Campus A1

ances such as not being able to get out of bed and get dressed. For some students those everyday occurrences are a feat," Scott-Connerly said.

Depression can also be caused by anxiety and stress, which can be spurred by the stress of classes or not doing well socially.

Sophomore history major Stephanie Logan has not been directly affected by depression, but she is aware of its effects.

"I don't know anyone personally that is depressed, but I do know of people who have battled with the problem. A junior this year tried to commit suicide," she said. "It is very sad that a person could be so stressed out that they would go to such an extreme extent."

In the most extreme cases of depression, a person may commit suicide, and their family and friends had no idea they were depressed or that the situation has escalated to that level.

"There are signs of suicide such as a person starting to

give away belongings that were very important to them," Scott-Connerly said.

Once a student goes to the Counseling Center, they are allowed to talk about their feelings. The center serves as an escape from the demands of campus life.

"Students' depression is usually more situational. They don't need a friend, but someone to be objective, someone to listen to them and help them make decisions for themselves," Scott-Connerly said.

Freshman acting major LaTonya Sims believes there are multiple causes of depression.

"I think depression stems from a lot of different things— insecurities, family problems and situations. A lot of people do not take the symptoms seriously," she said.

Sophomore psychology major Cherise Matthews views open communication a way to relieve stress.

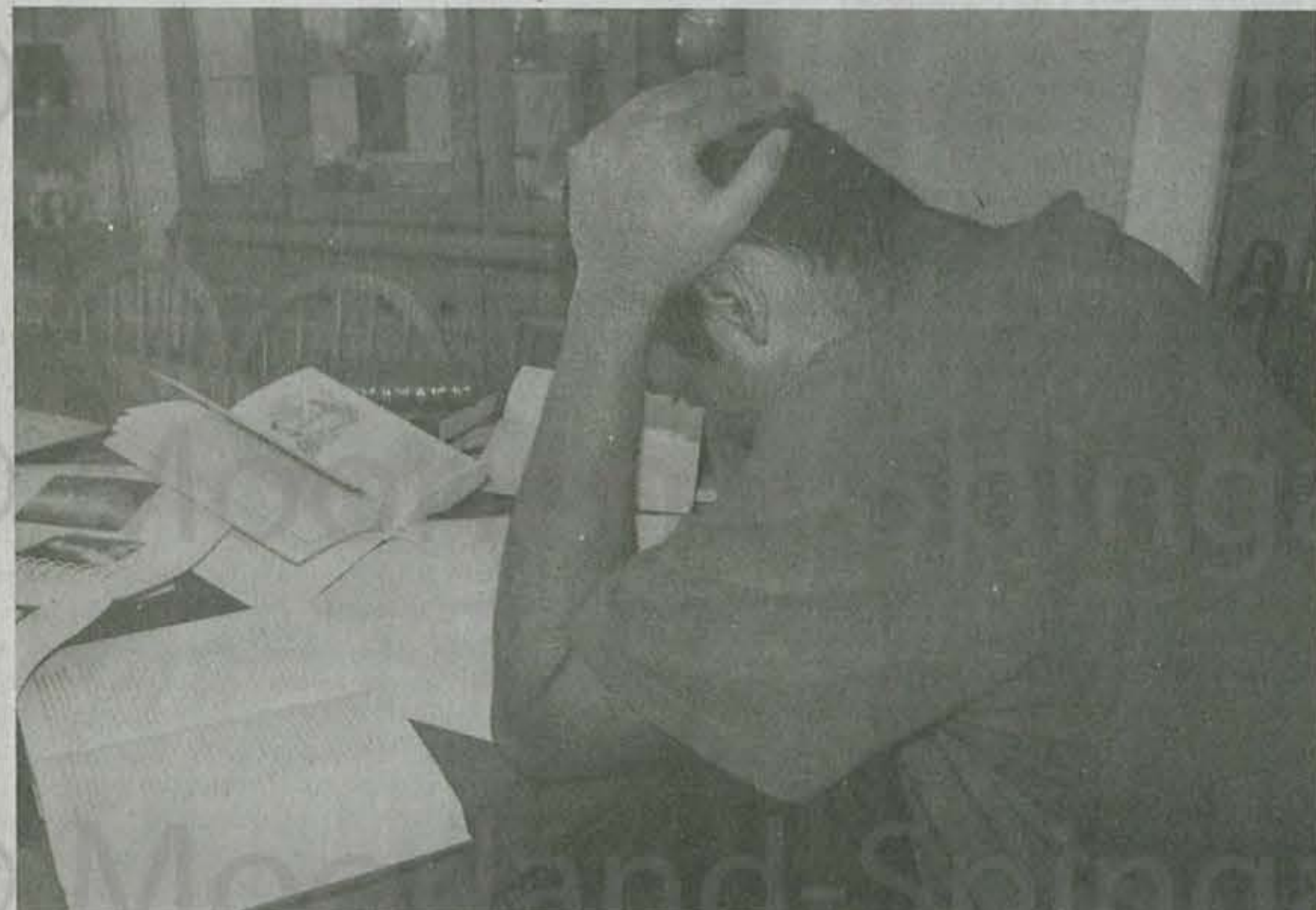
"I think being overwhelmed with school assignments, and personal problems will add or be the cause of depression. When I

am feeling depressed, I deal with it by turning to a family member or friend," she said. "Talking to someone and getting things off your chest helps. Sometimes you just need to sit down and breathe."

Scott-Connerly notes that generally that people of color feel uncomfortable discussing mental health and would rather talk to a member of their family or a religious figure. Although she admits it is wise to seek outside help, students may need to consult a mental health professional.

"If you had a broken bone, you would go to the doctor, it should be the same way with depression, stress or anxiety." Students that use the services of the counseling center receive six to eight strictly confidential sessions.

"Though its only once a week, its important for a person to know there is someone to just listen. For once a week you come into our offices and you are the star," Scott-Connerly said.



Marlene Hawthorne- Staff Photographer

With student depression on the rise, students plagued with depression and other emotional imbalances can receive services from the University Counseling Center. Group therapy and a series of confidential sessions are available for students stressed with school, social and other anxieties.

Showcase Displays Work

SHOWCASE, from Campus A1

ing a legacy and [the showcase] is the first step to get back to where we were," said fourth-year architecture student Victor Harris. "This is just a stepping block. This is more than just coming to class, doing a project and getting a grade, this is building for your future. We are setting stones for the people that are coming behind us. If we don't do what we need to do to keep this tradition going, then there won't be a School of Architecture in the future."

During the Career Fair and the question-and-answer forum, industry professionals were able to meet with students and give feedback as well as discuss internship and employment opportunities available in the field.

"It is really refreshing to see students presenting their own work in such a large forum... We are always looking for talent and one of the reasons [we came] is to just gain a familiarity and have a relationship with



Maya Gilliam-Senior Photo Editor

Students showcased their work in the School of Architecture Building this past Thursday.

Howard University," said Anik Jhaveri, a representative from HDR Architecture, Inc.

The day's events culminated with a reception with light refreshments and live music provided by Fine Arts students.

Overall, architecture students who participated and attended the event saw the day as a success and hoped that the

showcase will keep growing in years to come.

"Today was pretty smooth. Even though it was our first one ever, it went off without a hitch...The returning students should use this as a stepping stone and build on it for next year," said senior Sterling Jackson, co-coordinator of public relations for the showcase.

Recent Robberies Alert Students

SLOWE, from Campus A1

television production major who once resided in Slowe, the knowledge of robberies came as a shock when she first heard the news. Blige, like other students, feels as though Howard's treatment by local residents stems from the relationship between the campus and its surrounding community.

"I am not surprised of the robberies because we have an open campus in the middle of D.C.," Blige said. "The way D.C. residents view Howard is bourgeois and stuck up. I'm not necessarily shocked residents would want to take advantage of students because of that stereotype."

Though Chief Thomas named three theft incidents for

Slowe residents, Ronald Harris, interim community director for Slowe Hall stated he was aware of two.

"Until someone tells us, we don't know if they have been robbed because the police handles those situations. [For the young lady who was recently robbed], she told me about it four or five days after, once she needed keys," Harris said. "We always tell students to not walk the streets, especially by themselves and around Slowe. Your best security is your own self. Don't put yourself in the position where things like this may happen."

Slowe Hall safety concerns and robbery reports are not a new occurrence, as graduate film student and Howard alumnus Charles Jones remembers

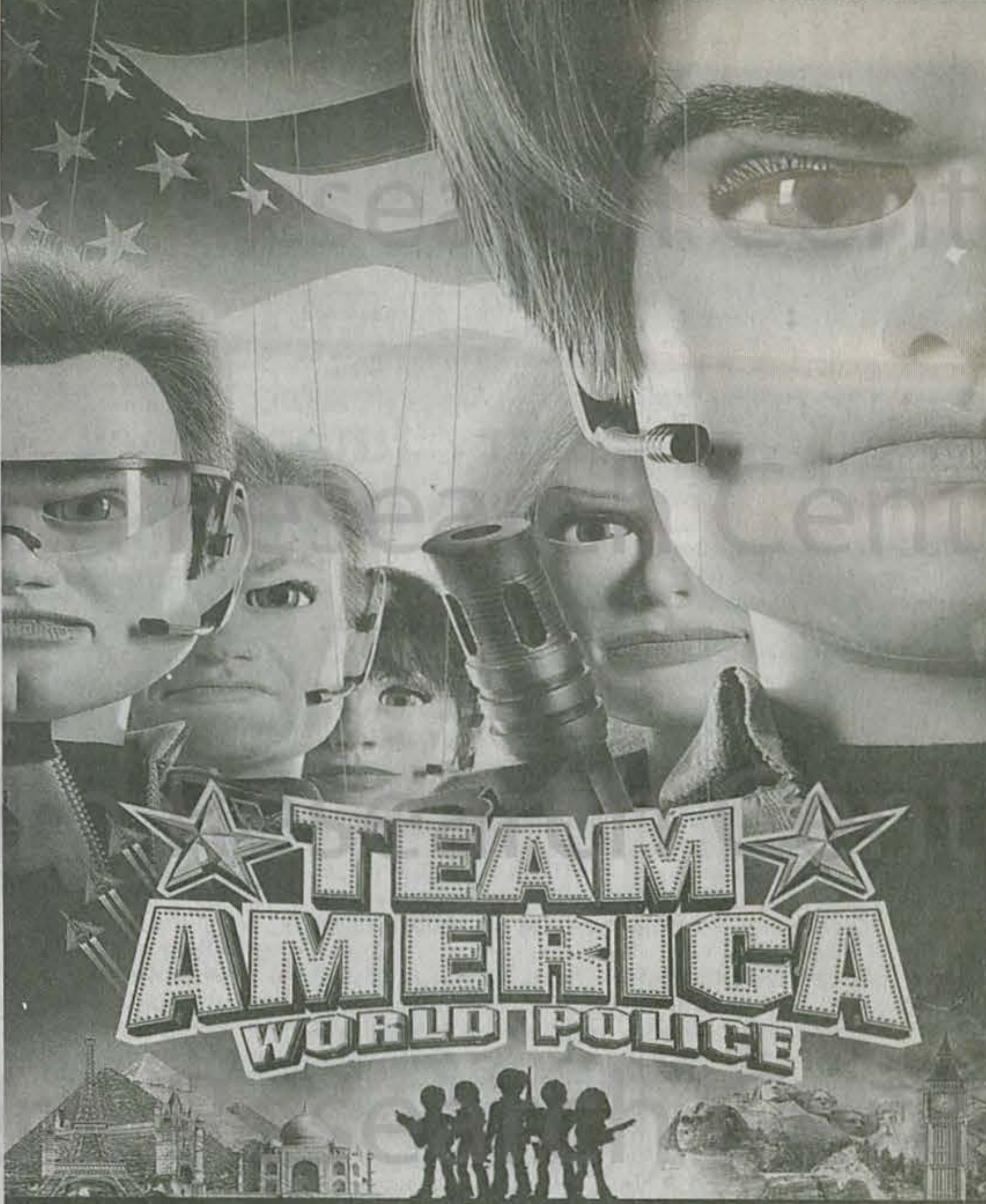
when one of his friends was robbed during his Slowe stay for the 2000-2001 school year.

"I thought they stopped that," Jones said upon hearing of recent incidents. "Luckily, I was never robbed. The University did nothing to really make sure we were safe. We just were very cautious and walked in groups because the shuttles were still bad."

Slowe residents may receive some level of reassurance as the dorm council lobbies for more police patrol and an ATM machine in the lobby to minimize student walking, according to council parliamentarian Darius Lyles.

Until then, students are advised to walk in groups, utilize shuttles and escorts and avoid late-night strolls.

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Jack Evans

BY MICHELLE NEALY
Contributing Writer

"Jack Evans for president." Well, why not? Evans has served on the D.C. City Council as Councilmember of Ward 2 for 13 years. That is more experience in his political position than the current president of the United States.

Evans, who is Chair Pro-tempore or said simply, Vice Chair of the D.C. City Council, will likely serve another four years as Ward 2 councilmember, if all goes his way on Nov. 2.

As Councilman of Ward 2, it is Evans' responsibility to, "Represent and serve the diverse neighborhoods of Ward 2... and to ensure D.C. as a whole continues to prosper." Ward 2 includes Chinatown, Shaw, Mount Vernon Square, Logan Circle, Blagden Alley, Dupont Circle, Sheridan-Kalorama, Foggy Bottom/West End, Georgetown, Burleith, Hillandale and Downtown Washington.

"Ward 2 is a huge microcosm of the city as a whole. The diversity of Ward 2 neighborhoods is what makes me an effective councilmember," he said.

Evans' resume is impressive. When asked what was his biggest failure during the last 13 years Evans replied, "I've had plenty of challenges and setbacks, but I work too hard to have failures."

This is confident rhetoric for a man who has worked to find the funds necessary to finance a brand new \$3 million Kennedy Center in Mt. Vernon square, created the Convention Area Parking Task Force, and currently works closely with Shaw Anti-Crime Task Force, which has helped lower the crime rate. The Anti-Prostitution Task Force, convened by Evans, has met monthly during peak season since 1995 to bring together the community, prosecutors, law enforcement, judges, and those who work with prostitutes to eventually eliminate the problem of prostitution in Ward 2.

Though Georgia Avenue is plagued with transients and liquor stores, Evans said that his "steadfast, never ending focus on the neighborhoods" of his districts has been his contributions.

On the city council, Evans also serves as Chair of the Committee on Finance and Revenue, which oversees the District's finances, including tax policy. Evans' campaign platform advocates the doctrine tax cuts to address fiscal problems. "Tax cuts per se aren't beneficial," Evans said.

"But it's critical that D.C.'s tax rates be the comparable to that of our immediate neighbors (Maryland and Virginia), otherwise we will continue to see our working middle class leave the city. Many people forget when tax cuts are discussed, D.C. taxes its working class poor at a higher rate than Maryland or Virginia."

Unlike many politicians, it is easy to see where Evans stands on controversial issues. Last year, he sponsored the Health Care Decision Act of 2003, which amends the D.C. code to include domestic partners, gays and lesbians, among the person authorized to make health care decisions for incapacitated individuals. Evans said, "Gay and lesbian couples should have all

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10th Annual BET Walk of Fame in the District

BY ROBIN DAVIS
Metro Editor

A little bit of Hollywood came to D.C. on Friday, when stars were in town to pay tribute to one of the R&B world's finest, Smokey Robinson. From New Edition and Nick Cannon to Christina Milian and even Floetry, the stars came out to show their love for one of their favorite artists.

The 10th Annual BET Walk of Fame Ceremony was taped over the weekend at BET Studios in Northeast D.C. The past honorees for the show have included Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston, Patti LaBelle, Stevie Wonder, and Aretha Franklin.

The show, hosted by radio DJ Donnie Simpson, has a bevy of performances of Smokey Robinson songs done by contemporary artists, such as Christina Milian singing "My Guy," former Walk of Fame honorees, Boyz II Men singing "Shop Around" and "More Love," and John Legend singing "Quiet Storm."

Debra Lee, president of BET, was optimistic about the show, and in awe of the artists so far. "One exciting thing for us was to see all the artists that wanted to perform in Smokey's honor. So many artists so greatly admire and realize how great he is," she said.

Robinson's career has spanned over 40 years and he has earned over 30 Top 40 Hits. He has been awarded with a "Living Legend" Grammy Award, and the National Medal of Arts Award from President Bush, among many other awards. He has recorded hit songs such as "You've Got a Hold on Me" and "I Second that Emotion." His songwriting credits include "My Girl" and "The Way You Do the Things You Do," both sung by The Temptations.

Robinson revealed his secret to writing some of the most popular songs in Motown history. "I write for all people. There are no new words, no new notes, no new choruses, no new

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Tia Goodson-Staff Photographer

Smokey Robinson was honored by BET during the 10th Annual BET Walk of Fame that was taped in D.C. over the weekend.

D.C. Car Insurance Third Highest in the Nation

BY TIFFANY A. BOLDEN
Contributing Writer

Washington, D.C.'s high car insurance rates are third in the nation following New Jersey and New York, according to the Insurance Information Institute website, www.iii.org, an institute providing definitive insurance information to the public. The average D.C. resident pays \$1,011 per year.

It is important for students who are from D.C. and New Jersey to know that the results from these areas cannot directly be compared to states with rural areas because both are

entirely urban, according to the Insurance Information Institute.

Jay Karimah, a senior radio major and native Washingtonian, said, "Bad roads, the make-up of the city and bad drivers are the reasons insurance is so high." On the contrary, La Shawn Ragland, Insurance Account Representative of State Farm Insurance, said some factors affecting the high rate include driver's number of at-fault accidents, area crime rates and easy accessibility to the city.

The Metropolitan Police Department's website on auto-

mobile crime statistics reports that 9,168 cars were stolen city-wide and 1,378 cars were stolen in the third district [where Howard University is located] in 2002. Results from Texas Transportation Institute's latest survey based upon 2002 statistics report that the Washington region ranks eight in the nation in population, but third in congestion with only Los Angeles and San Francisco suffering worse gridlock.

In a recent AAA news release posted on its website, www.aaa.com, Lon Anderson, director of public and government relations, said, "Terrible

congestion...undermines our quality of life, wastes our time, burdens our economy and contributes to increased numbers of crashes throughout our region."

"Each insurance company bases their rate on different criteria so it's hard to say. There are no set criteria. There are too many contributing factors," Ragland said.

Ragland continued, "Most insurance companies offer a good student discount to students who earn a 3.0 grade point average. The discount lasts until the student reaches age 25."

Students who attend D.C. colleges and universities may not have to pay high rates. According to D.C.'s Residential and Visitor Parking website, a student attending a college or university in the District of Columbia is a temporary resident and qualifies for a reciprocity parking permit that allows parking in one's residential area while maintaining one's out-of-state license plates and registration. The reciprocity parking permit costs \$338 for students and is valid for one year.

To benefit from this service

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Program Assists Students

BY CHRISTINA M. WRIGHT
Hilltop Staff Writer

In the midst of a rigorous course load, college students from around the District have begun to dedicate their time to increasing the education level of D.C. youth by helping to make a firm educational foundation through the Neighborhood Tutoring Program.

"It's great to see the stu-

dents help out because most of the time D.C. is just their temporary home for four years while they are at school. As the world's next leaders, it is wonderful that they take the initiative to impact it by helping the leaders to come after them," said Jessie Muhm, the program coordinator.

The Neighborhood Tutoring Program (NTP) is a "back-to-basics" tutoring program in

which individuals tutor youth at elementary and middle schools around D.C. to meet the reading and math levels of their grade. Most of the students tutored through NTP are residents of the Shaw neighborhood where 37 percent of high school students drop out, 41 percent of the adult residents have less than a ninth grade education, 62 percent of high school students cannot read at basic levels, and

91 percent of students perform below basic levels in math.

"D.C. is an ironic place... since it is the nation's capital, you would think the education system would be the flagship of the nation. It's not," said Erika Owens, a senior political science major at George Washington University.

College students represent approximately 95 percent of the NTP school-based tutorial program tutors, and Owens, a three-year veteran, stresses the

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Barry Jumps Back Into D.C. Politics

BY REVAE THARPS
Contributing Writer

Former Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry has somehow found a way to wedge himself back into D.C. politics. Retired after crack and cancer appeared to cripple and eventually close the book on his career as the one-time "mayor for life" who dominated local politics for a generation, Barry's comeback had the nation's capital buzzing.

Barry won the Democratic nomination for the Ward 8 council seat on Tuesday, Sept. 14, the same position he won in 1992 after serving six months in prison for his drug conviction. He used that as a springboard to a fourth term as mayor in 1994. Barry ran a low-budget campaign to blow away two-term Ward 8 councilwoman and former employee, Sandy Allen, 57 percent to 25 percent.

According to an article by the Associated Press, Allen conceded defeat to reporters. "There are people who only vote when Barry runs. You can't figure them into your projections," she said. "I will always work with whoever the council member is, who-



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ever is the people's choice."

Barry eradicated incumbent council members on charges that they ignored the needs of residents in the city's impoverished eastern half. "Ward 8 needs someone to fight for them. God gave me a gift of vision and courageous leadership. None of the candidates have this," he said. In a city bubbling over with powerful people, virtually none live in Ward 8. Barry pledged to bring more tax dollars to the ward to create jobs, construct 10,000 new homes, and pay for health care for its impoverished and mostly African-American residents.

Outside of the Beltway, Barry is best remembered for the trouble he got himself

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School of Communications Overloads Campus With Artist Showcase

BY LA'TRISHA GOMER
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Sensory Overload event sponsored by the School of Communications had everyone out of their seats in Cramton Auditorium on Friday evening.

The event got off to an energetic start when host Angela "Angie Ange" Halstarks hyped up the crowd with her vigorous voice and her personable personality.

A group of girls from John F. Cook Elementary School and DCALA Middle

School in Northwest Washington introduced the first act, 730. Wearing blue and red basketball jerseys, they engaged the crowd by chanting, "When I say 7, ya'll say 30." The girls, who referred to themselves as the DK dance group, were eager to be in the show.

"We're here with rapper DK, but we practiced two weeks to perform, so we're excited," said Nephriti Risper from DCALA Middle School.

There was something for everybody to enjoy at the event. There were rappers, singers, dancers, short films, artwork slideshows and poetry acts.

Stage and production manager Allison Christopher said that the event, coordinated by fundraising chair Maya Gilliam, was to help raise money for the School of Communications.

"The event was a fundraiser... It was also a chance to showcase the talent of students on campus and the talents of the people in the community," Christopher said.

During the middle of the show, singer Teena Torres brought down the house with her unique style and angelic soprano voice. She sat on stage with guitarist JoJo Rose who played beautifully on the acoustic guitar. The crowd gave the group a standing ovation after they were finished performing.

There was even a record producer in the crowd scouting for talent. James Booker from Ruff Diamond Productions came to the event from Portland, Ore.

"I'm very impressed with what I've seen tonight, I'm going to talk to some people to hopefully work on some demos and shop them to record labels," he said.

Even though there was a variety of acts featured, everyone seemed to be anxious to see the DJ battle.

The battle was divided into three rounds, each DJ was given one minute to spin their best and win over the crowd.

DJ Premonition started the battle, mixing popular songs like UTP's "Nolia Clap" and Lil' Wayne's single "Go DJ." The auditorium turned into a party-like atmosphere by the time the first round was over. The crowd danced, beat their feet and screamed loudly for the DJ of their choice. DJ Bout It was the first to be eliminated in round one and DJ Goldenboy was out in round two. The last round was between DJ Rokko and DJ Premonition. Rokko won the close battle when he took it back to the old school with songs like "Ice Ice Baby" by Vanilla Ice.

Sophomore mechanical engineering major Ehimen Iyamabo said that the DJ battle was his favorite part of the event.

"The DJ battle was the best part of tonight. I liked the way that everybody danced and participated," he said.

Christopher said that the DJ battle is going to be an annual event.

"Hopefully next year we can incorporate local DJs and see how they do with the DJs from Howard," she said.

The event began to come to a close after the battle was over but not before Howard's own Jonathan "J-Roc" Davis hit the stage. He performed an original rap called "J to the R.O.C."

The crowd filled up about half of Cramton Auditorium.

Performer Jessie, from the rap group, 2 Threwed, felt that more people should have come out to support the event.

"I'm proud to be apart of this event. It was a well put together show, but I think that more people should have come out to support it," he said.

Dance performer Akem Okolue from the Dunn Hype Entertainment group enjoyed the entire show.

"There was a lot of talent in the building tonight. I enjoyed being here because it was a unique showcase."



Jordan Colbert-Asst. Photo Editor

With local school groups and other talented acts, the talent showcase, Sensory Overload offered entertainment to an a crowd on Friday. Hosted by the School of Communications, the show included a DJ battle that excited the crowd.

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ROTC Program Beneficial

ROTC, from Campus A2

"That's why I couldn't join the ROTC, especially in these times of war," said Ayana Singhateh, a junior public relations major. "I read an article about a girl who had just began her active duty and she died like three months after."

Even though serving in the army has its perks, sophomore print journalism major John Kennedy said, "I feel the ROTC program is benefi-

cial because they pay for your tuition and it's a good resume builder."

Another division of the ROTC program is the Air Force. Major Northan Golden, Commandant of Cadets of the Air Force ROTC, said that the purpose of the program is to "produce the future commissioned officers of the United States Air Force."

Cadets, which are students that are training to be commissioned officers, have to take ROTC lecture and a

Leadership Lab that includes a physical training component. Cadets are also encouraged to excel academically, since becoming a commissioned officer is contingent upon fulfilling the requirements of their individual department.

To be a part of this program is as simple as registering for ROTC courses, which will count as electives toward an undergraduate degree. Major Davis encourages all interested individuals, especially sophomores, to visit him in

BET Honors Smokey Robinson

BET, from Metro A6

anything. My idea for writing a song is to use the same words, notes, but to make it different," he said. "Make it memorable."

Despite his accolades and high status, Robinson stays humble and thanks the Lord for all his success. "It's amazing to me that people honor me for doing what I love," he said.

Shawn Stockman, of Boyz II Men, expressed excitement to be a part of the ceremony. "We owe our lives to someone like Smokey. He paved the way for groups like ours," he said. His fellow group member, Wanya Morris is in agreement, when saying what he loves about him. "Smokey is just a great performer, a great songwriter," Morris said.

John Legend, a new artist that has performed on many R&B and rap collaborations, was flattered to be apart of the ceremony. "I'm just surprised they put me on the show, because everyone else on here has albums out, sold millions of albums, and I'm brand new, never put an album out," he said. "I feel very, very, privileged to be here."

"All his music is just incredible, it really raises the bar, because I'm thinking I have a good album, but I listen to Smokey Robinson, and I'm like, I have to go back to the drawing board and step my lyric game



Tia Goodson-Staff Photographer
The BET Walk of Fame featured many artists such as Boyz II Men and John Legend.



Insurance Fees Dent Pockets

CAR, from Metro A6

you must be a full-time student, have a driver's license, vehicle registration from your home state, vehicle insurance, a letter from the registrar's office of the college you attend and proof of residency in the District of Columbia. The letter is required to determine which ward sticker you receive.

A 2001 Washington Post article emphasized the importance of obtaining a reciprocity sticker if your car is not registered in the District. The article said that police or Public Works employees who see an out-of-state car parked between midnight and 6:30 a.m. twice in a 30-day period on any residential street must see it a third time 31 to 60 days after the first sighting before issuing a warning. The owner then gets 15 days to register the car in the District or obtain a reciprocity sticker.

Vincent S. Williams, a master of fine arts in film candidate, plans to take advantage of this service. He said, "I currently have car insurance with my mother in Illinois and I am in the process of getting a reciprocity parking permit."

Senior film production major Tyler McGee encouraged students to do their homework when looking for car insurance. "Research insurance companies to find the cheapest nationwide insurance to cover your needs," McGee said.

Senior film production major Arthur J. Smith, native of New Jersey said he chooses to keep his car insurance registered in his home state of New Jersey for many reasons, but mainly because it is easier and safer. "Although New Jersey's car insurance is the highest in the nation, it's easier to keep it under New Jersey because D.C.'s Allstate Company takes

about three months to make the change final and the change would not be permanent if you decide not to stay in D.C. after graduation."

Smith continued, "D.C., in general, rapes you all around in the areas of business and the insurance companies rape you the most."

Suzette Smith, junior psychology major said, "My advice is to get under your parents' insurance policy and ask about the student discount."

Karimah shared one of his money saving tips. "Budget your money well so that you are able to pay for your car insurance because if you are a permanent resident of D.C. its no way of getting around high insurance."

Josephine Stedman, sophomore telecommunications major, agreed with Karimah, "There really isn't any way to get around paying high prices in D.C."

Evans Running in Elections

EVANS, from Metro A6

the rights of hetero-couples. It's a matter of equal rights."

In the next four years, if given the opportunity, Evans wants to improve the availability of affordable housing, continue to combat crime and improve the medium of transportation in the District. However, his greatest achievement would be an improvement in the standard of

education. D.C. public schools are failing their students. When asked what he is doing currently to improve the level of education in the Ward's less affluent neighborhoods, Evans responded, "I have hired one of the top analysts of D.C. schools to assist in my [efforts] to help lead reform in the critically underperforming area."

With his experience and polls that consistently demon-

strate Evans has one of the highest favorability of all D.C. elected officials, Evans is confident with the upcoming election. "I believe that I am better suited to represent the neighborhoods of Ward 2 on the city council," Evans said.

He is the single parent of 7-year-old triplets. His wife, Noel, passed away in 2003, after a long battle with cancer.

Students Reach Out to Community

ROTC, from Metro A6

need for even more students to get involved. "Many education systems have students who slip through the cracks, but we have crevices," Owens said. "There are high school students who cannot read at [a basic] level."

According to sophomore political science major Angelica Rainey, only about 10 Howard University students volunteered with NTP last year. This is the first year that NTP had become a community service organization in which work-study students can work.

"I really wanted to get Howard involved because this is our community, and, with all this talk about community service, we should be involved in our own," said Jasmin Washington, a Howard student who currently serves as a site coordinator for one NTP site.

The parents of students in the program are pleased with the massive results of the tutors

involved, the personal attention and the time given to the pupils.

"While participating in the programs, I noticed her eagerness to work on her math work. She really likes the one-on-one attention that the tutors give," said parent Sandra Farmer.

William Hummel, a sophomore middle eastern studies major, urges students to join the program. "I want to encourage college students to join us in our mission to improve the education rates," said Hummel, a George Washington University student. "It is a wonderful program with wonderful kids and it is a way to prove that D.C. is not just a foggy bottom."

To become a tutor with NTP, a student is required to be 18 years old or older, be willing to commit a full academic year to tutoring one or two students for five hours a week, and exhibit a certain amount of professionalism.

If interested, students are

advised to call Jessie Muhm at (202) 349-3512 or visit For Love Of Children's website at www.flocdc.org.

Barry Back In Action

ROTC, from Campus A2

into. "I don't know much about Marion Barry," said junior marketing major Shelby Edmond. "All I associate him with is the drug scandal some years back."

The climax of a series of embarrassing incidents was an FBI sting in 1990 that caught Barry on videotape smoking crack cocaine at the Vista Hotel with a female acquaintance. While in the midst of a campaign for a D.C. council seat, the mayor was sentenced in Oct. 1990 and served a six-month prison sentence. At this point, many people thought his career was over, but Barry came back. In 1992 despite his forced removal from a third term as mayor, Barry returned to the City Council. Two years later, he was elected mayor once again.

Cancer and a congressional move to strip him of much of his power followed and in 1998. According to an article in USA Today, when reminded of the drug sting, Barry responded, "That's 14 years ago. People ought to forget about it, forget

about it," he said.

"He has done a great job for the community, and his personal life shouldn't affect his job. It's similar to what happened with Bill Clinton. As long as his job is not affected, I don't see why it matters," said Stephan Assoumou, sophomore business management major.

Few in Ward 8 care about Barry's past drug use. "Yeah, he screwed up, but he's done a lot to help the community," said Suen Wimbush, who voted for Barry. "Everyone has their mistakes. I forgive him. I overlook that." Barry, a tireless activist for District resident, is a hero to the District's poor, black communities. "He appeals to their hopes and aspirations," said WTOP radio political analyst of Barry's local popularity.

"The people in that ward identify with his struggle. It's beyond politics. It's life affirming. I welcome his return. I think his focus is on bringing up the most troubled parts of the city. I think he is going to do a good job," said sophomore print journalism major Elliott Jones.

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Don't Puff, Just Pass

BY KEITH LAING
Life & Style Editor

This week, I'm bringing my unique male perspective to the topic of smoking, and especially to female smokers.

After reading about my Rubberband tendencies and love for massages, I'm sure you know I am no stranger to stress. I can definitely relate to needing a few seconds of release to calm your nerves.

But smoking? No matter how hard I try, I just can't relate to that.

Ladies, I'm sorry, but I have to be honest: Nothing ruins my attraction to a female quicker than seeing her light up. She goes from America's Next Top Model to America's Least Wanted faster than she can finish that first puff.

What complicates matters is that I know several other-wise beautiful women who are among the 27 percent of our age group (18-24) who are smokers, and it pains me to see them take a drag. It's my biggest pet peeve when it comes to the opposite sex.

For instance, the other day I left The Hilltop office for the first time in forever and ran into someone whom I have been attracted to since my freshman year. I don't even really know her but I've always seen her and I thought she was really beautiful. Not in an "I want to get with her" kind of way, but more like a "wow, she's really pretty" kind of way.

As I was thinking about how I hadn't seen her in a long time, she pulled out a cigarette, lit up and it was over. She may as well have lit my attraction to her up too, because it burned like Usher. Quickly.

It's hard to explain. I don't think she's a bad person or not pretty, but the attraction was definitely gone. I just really can't stand the sight of a female smoking. I'm not that fond of men doing it either, but I also am not attracted to testosterone.

It's probably because since I was a little kid, I have had a low tolerance for cigarette smoke. When I would visit my grandmother and she would light up, I'd pick up my toys and leave the room. Thankfully, as I got older, my friends who smoke have always had the courtesy to try to limit it around me, or at least tell me to move from downwind (thanks SPP and family!).

Anyway, I'm not asking anyone to kick their habit just because I don't like it, and I'm not trying to be a walking PSA. I'm just giving you one man's perspective. After all, that's what *Lifelines* is all about.

Senior print journalism Keith Laing would love to reply to all feedback sent to life_n_style0405@yahoo.com, but he is busy putting up big red no smoking signs in our office. Once he stops crusading, he'll definitely get back to you. It might take a while though. He really likes his soapbox.

Howard Houses Smokers, But No Smoking in the House

BY AMY WILLIAMS
Contributing Writer

When most current Howard students were born, the Surgeon General's Report stated that, "cigarette smoking is the major single cause of cancer mortality in the United States." Unfortunately, this statement is as true today as it was in 1982.

Because cigarette smoking and tobacco use is an acquired behavior, or one that an individual chooses, smoking is the most preventable cause of premature death in our society.

So who smokes? According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 46.2 million U.S. adults were current smokers in 2001. This is 22 percent of all adults (25.2 percent of men, 20.7 percent of women) - nearly one in every four people. According to the American Cancer Society, American Indians/Alaska Natives lead the pack with 32.7 percent of American smokers; whites come second with 24 percent of smokers; Blacks, Hispanics, and then Asian Americans round off the list. Also, almost 27 percent of 18 to 24 year olds were current smokers.

The American Cancer Society also reports that each year 440,000 people die in the United States from tobacco use. Nearly one of every five deaths is related to smoking. Cigarettes kill more Americans than alcohol, car accidents, suicide, AIDS, homicide and illegal drugs combined. With all the information about the dangers of cigarette use flooding the media, why do people



According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 27 percent of all 18 to 24 year olds currently smoke.

still smoke?

Sophomore international business major Ahmad Miles said he is a smoker and has been for the last two years. Miles admitted to smoking a pack of cigarettes a week, saying his job supports his habit. He said that he is addicted but claims he is not dependent. Though he said that he enjoys smoking, he explained that he "won't take money out of the ATM to buy cigarettes."

Miles credited his smoking to peer influence in the past, and now an oral fixation. When asked about his knowledge of health consequences concerning smoking, Miles brushed them aside.

"Cancer is not my main health concern. I'm more concerned with my safety crossing Georgia Avenue," he said.

Miles is respectful of his parents. He said that they both know of his addiction and they both disapprove. He said his father has a zero tolerance pol-

icy concerning smoking and his mother advises him to stop.

Fellow students are constantly bombarded with smoke from other's cigarettes. These students are exposed to secondhand smoke contently. According to the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, over the past two decades, medical science has shown that nonsmokers suffer many of the diseases of active smoking when they breathe secondhand smoke.

Senior physical therapy major Ashley Broughton said she has been smoking since she came to Howard. Broughton smokes about a pack and a half every two weeks. Broughton blamed stress for the rise in her smoking activity. "I smoke more around midterms and finals," she said.

When asked about her family's reaction, Broughton explained that her mother has been smoking for 20 years and her older brother has been

a smoker for 10. When asked about her knowledge of the health concerns surrounding smoking, Broughton said she is very aware due to her course-



Despite the high population of smokers at Howard, the university does not allow any smoking in its dormitories.

Howard Students Sleeping Like Elephants

BY BRITTNEY JOHNSON
Contributing Writer

Sleep is an aspect of college life that many love to have but few very seldom get. The most common reasons students give for not sleeping includes class and homework. These are usually sufficient reasons to stay up all night, but what about snoring?

That's right, many students complain about that obnoxiously loud sound that roar from the throat of a heavily sleeping individual and disrupts the rest of those close in proximity, such as a roommate.

Many students said that they have dealt with good roommates who happen to snore badly. Graduate student Nathan Carter said that

he remembered having a snoring roommate.

"It was hard to concentrate and study...its just embarrassing when you bring people over or when the neighbors are disrupted," he recalled.

Many students said that they didn't know how to confront a snoring roommate, or feared creating a large conflict and making them feel uncomfortable.

Several students said that their roommate's snores can range from a nuisance to completely unbearable while others, like sophomore political science and classics double major Odiri Dafe, said they did not feel it impacting their lives.

"I just endure the snoring," Dafe said. "Sometimes I make a lot of noise to sort of wake him up, just to startle him so he

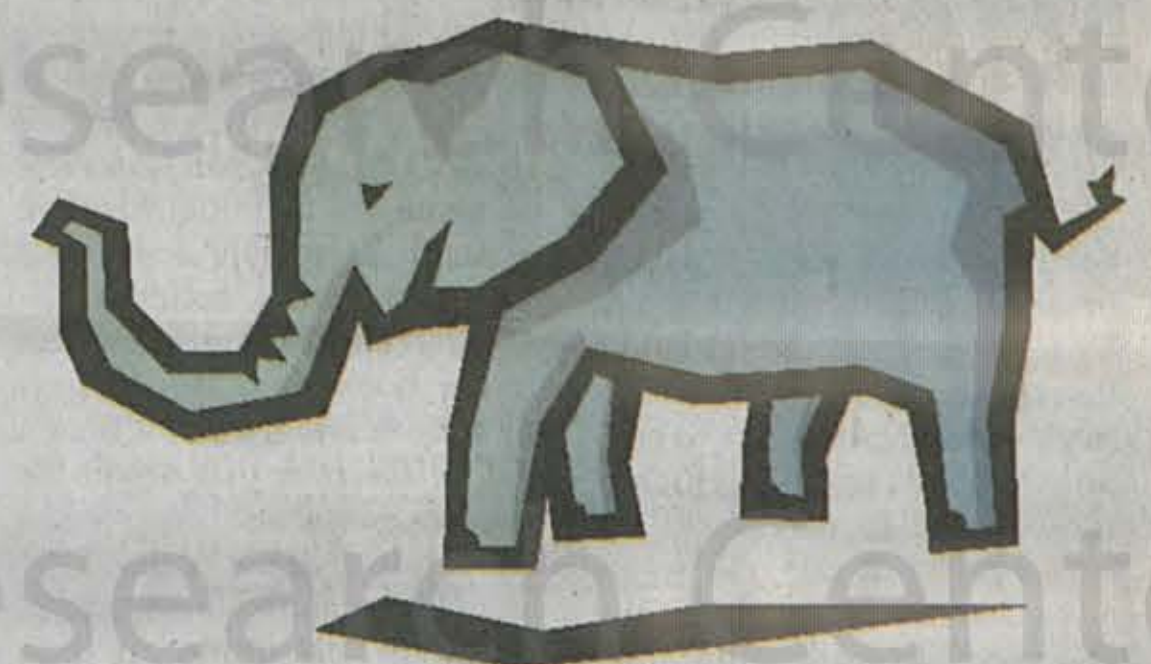
can stop. Some nights are worse than others, but it's really just more of an annoyance."

Sophomore electrical engineering major Alex Cravanar, Dafe's roommate and the alleged snorer in this case, attempted to defend himself.

"I don't really want to annoy people by snoring," he said. "It's just that I don't really know how to fix it. If someone would explain it to me, I would adopt whatever they tell me to do."

Unfortunately for Cravanar, according to Dr. Kirk Williams, a board certified assistant professor of otolaryngology and head and neck surgery at Howard University Hospital, the answer to his problem does not lie in over-the-counter remedies such as Breathe Right strips, or throat sprays.

"We don't even have any



scientific evidence that Breathe Right strips or any other commercially advertised products work... it's not something we recommend," he said. He did, however, recommend that students investigate the sources that cause their snoring, and see an ear, nose and throat specialist to avoid misdiagnosis.

Williams explained that the noise of snoring comes from excessive vibration of the soft palate in the back of the throat. Although that is the main source, he said that other contributing factors include large tonsils, enlarged adenoids, obesity and anything that causes a "turbulent or disrupted free flow of air through the nose."

He encouraged all snoring students to see a specialist in case they have sleep apnea, a very serious condition that causes people to stop breathing for 10 or more seconds while sleeping. He said students should positively encourage their roommates to consider the following quick remedies: change sleeping positions, avoid the use of sedatives and anti-histamines such as Benadryl and also to avoid alcohol consumption

before going to bed. These will decrease muscles in the back of the throat, which allow more vibrations of the soft palate.

"The use of these will cause everything to collapse and become flaccid," Williams warned.

If students prefer to see a specialist, they have the choice of two in-office procedures that are designed to stiffen the palate and decrease snoring. The most acceptable procedure is radio-frequency ablation of the palate, which stiffens and shrinks the size of the soft palate and uvula. The second is snoreplasty, an injection of a substance into the palate that also causes stiffness.

Students with health issues that lead to snoring should consider getting their tonsils removed, losing weight or going to a sleep lab for surveillance. Dr. Williams stressed that students should confront snoring seriously to avoid more severe health issues.

"The important thing about snoring is that it may be the tip of the iceberg," he said. "The vital step is to actually acknowledge that there is a problem and then work toward a healthy solution."



Several students listed their roommate's snoring as one of the major reasons they don't get enough sleep.



BY TAWENE CHILONGO
Contributing Writer

Imagine a job that's close to home, understands that school comes first and gives you a raise every year. Sound too good to be true? Maybe for most, but for those few students lucky enough to receive Federal Work Study, it's a reality.

According to mappingyourfuture.org, "The Federal Work-Study Program provides jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need attending eligible postsecondary schools. This program allows students to earn money to pay educational expenses."

As great as that sounds, unfortunately, this year the funds which are allocated to Howard University for the use of work-study were cut, leaving many eligible students, like sophomore radio, television and film major Robaer Washington with no choice but to get jobs elsewhere.

Washington said that he has visited the work-study office on

Students Work to Stretch Their Dollar To Fund Academic, Social Lives

a weekly basis since school started. He said that he was excited that he qualified for work study and was ready to be assigned to his job, but was told that he couldn't work because the government hasn't dispersed all the money.

"First, they told me the government hadn't dispensed the money to Howard yet and then they said that some of the students who had been assigned work study hadn't come in to claim their jobs yet so I had to wait until that was done first," he said.

While Washington waits in hopes of getting his work-study sorted out, other students, such as junior history major Laura

Stimpson decided to pursue jobs off campus outside opportunities. Stimpson, who participated

job at Starbucks, said she now solely depends on her paycheck from Starbucks. Though she

that she likes working off-campus because she has a chance to interact with the community.

"It's different now because I'm not interacting with only Howard students, but I also get a chance to network with other people in the community."

Though the majority of the people who had work-study last year were unable to receive it this year, a few students, like junior psychology Isheba Barker were

lucky enough to be assigned work. For the second year in a row, Barker said she is working at the Undergraduate Library



Jordan Colbert-Assist. Photo Editor

Many students have resorted to working at off-campus businesses for additional incomes.

in the work-study program last year, working at the Center for Academic Reinforcement, in addition to working an outside

said that she missed work-study because now her work hours are longer and later, leaving her with less time to study, she said



and loving it. "It's convenient, I can work between classes and my employer is very understanding. He knows that I am a student so if I need time to study he lets me do so," she said.

Barker, who said she is working to pay for her tuition, also has two jobs and knows how it is to work both on and off Howard's campus. She states that she would rather do work-study than have an outside job, because it takes a toll on her studies.

"Working off-campus affects my school work," she said. "I have longer hours and don't have the freedom to study like I did with my job on campus."

Regardless of not being able to have convenient jobs, students are doing whatever they can in order to get some extra cash or to pay tuition. Though there are possibly more benefits of having work-study rather than having to work off campus, students seem to understand that for some, it's not a choice to work, but a duty. It's not always easy, but it's part of life.



Spoof of Classic 'Dawn of the Dead' Comes Alive with Humor

BY RIVEA RUFF
Contributing Writer

Horror and comedy come together seamlessly in *Shaun of the Dead*, a hilariously frightening spoof on the classic horror film and its recent remake, *Dawn of the Dead*.

Set in suburban England, *Shaun of the Dead* follows Shaun, an electronic store manager with issues in each his romantic, platonic, and familial relationships, through a day in which the nation is faced with a mysterious spreading epidemic that causes people to rise from the dead with a hunger for human flesh. He, along with his roommate and best friend since college, Ed, set out on a to get Shaun's mother and very recent status ex-girlfriend Liz to a safe place until the whole thing blows over.

At the movie's beginning, Shaun goes through a painful breakup with his girlfriend Liz. She dumps him after deciding that she and Shaun are on different levels. Shaun wants to continue to go out and drink nightly and behave like a child with his best friend Ed, and she wants more from their relationship. Ed also serves as a source of prob-

lems with Shaun's other roommate, Pete, who feels that Shaun should grow up and stop allowing his silly and jobless best friend to hold him back. Simultaneously, Shaun is dealing with ongoing issues with his stepfather, with whom for the last 17 years he has had a tense relationship.

Equal parts of humor and gore ensue when, while caught up in his own personal problems, Shaun overlooks the news of a spreading epidemic throughout Great Britain. He is so used to his routine lifestyle that he doesn't even notice the hordes of zombies roaming the bloodied streets the following morning. Shaun goes about his normal morning routine and absently interacts with the zombies as normal people, returning home unharmed. Shaun notices nothing until a female zombie attacks him in his own backyard, whom he and Ed initially believe is simply incredibly drunk and wandered there by accident.

After barricading themselves in the house and finally paying attention to the news, Shaun and Ed discover that to kill the zombies, you must remove the head or destroy the brain. They get hold of a shovel and a cricket bat and set out to remedy their

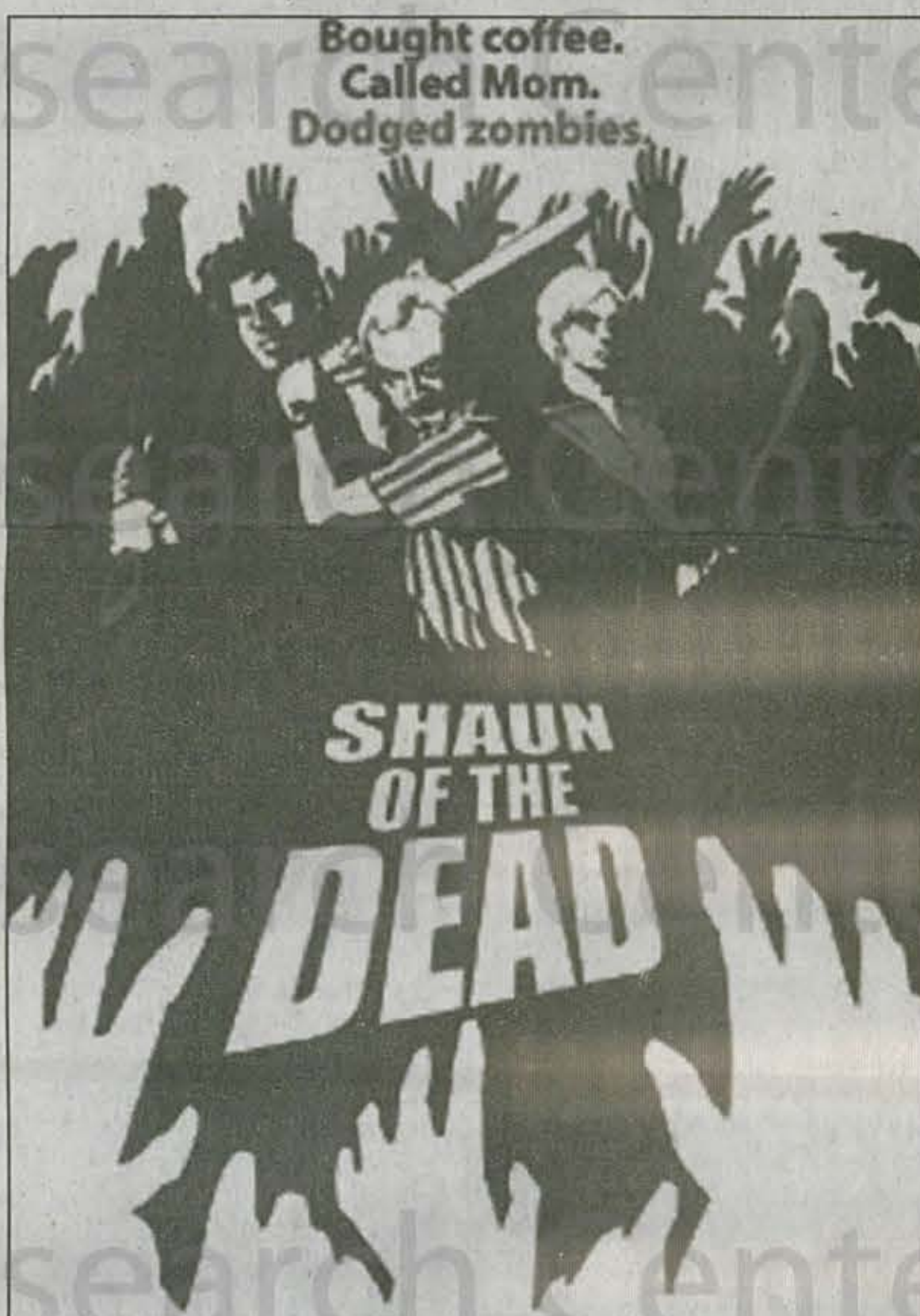
immediate zombie issue. They next find out that once a person has been bitten by a zombie, they die and return as one as well. Recalling that their roommate Pete had been bitten the night before and finding out that Shaun's stepfather has been bitten as well, the two devise a plan to save Shaun's mother and Liz, and unwillingly, Shaun's stepfather and Liz's roommates, and wait at their favorite local pub until the whole ordeal is over. The group faces obstacle after sidesplitting obstacle on their way to the pub, and even more once they arrive at safety.

Though this film is mainly a horror/comedy, there are a few serious and sentimental moments in the film. Shaun faces stress because he is the leader of the group and doesn't have all the answers in how to escape hundreds of zombies at once. He is also forced to face the problems existing in all his relationships, and the prospect losing the people he cares about the most. However, these moments fit well into the film and do not distract from its humor or horror. These moments are necessary to give the movie some true human aspect and keep it from being simple gore and

buffoonery. Overall, the film did a good job in observing the realistic aspects of how a real person would possibly deal in this chaotic, life-threatening situation while attempting to protect the people he cares about the most, all while remaining funny, scary, and light.

Not your typical trip to the theater, *Shaun of the Dead* is a change of pace from your average horror film or comedy. In addition to the mix of film genres, the movies setting in the United Kingdom gives it a refreshingly different ambiance than the usual Hollywood produced feature. Though at times the characters' thick British accents make dialogue somewhat difficult to comprehend, on the whole the movie is understandable and entertaining. Both hilarious and frightening, while sprinkled with some realistic moments with which the viewer can empathize, *Shaun of the Dead* is worth the student discount ticket price.

Grade: B+



Shear Madness Equals Sheer Comedy

BY JANA HOMES
Hilltop Staff Writer

Play lovers entering the Theater Lab at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts were greeted by a soundtrack of old classics like "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" and "Tell Him," as the Georgetown unisex hairstyling salon, *Shear Madness*, sat empty waiting to be filled with the action that would span the coming hours.

As *Shear Madness* commences, Barbara DeMarco, played by Leslie R. Hollander, is joined by her employer and the owner of the shop, Tony Whitcomb (Jeffery Scott Bailey). Finally, Mrs. Shubert (Maureen Kerrigan), a frequent patron of the salon, and three unnamed gentleman round out the group. Interspersed with the grooming and slapstick comedy that comes with the territory, there is the gossip and storytelling that has come to be associated with beauty salons, barbershops and just about any institution of beauty. The interactions between those inhabiting the



Shear Madness has grossed more than \$35 million in Washington, D.C.

establishment yield witty comments, such as the claim that someone was so old, "she was a waitress at the last supper." There are also many instances of jokes made through the misuse or mistakes of the characters. DeMarco's lists of exotic places includes "Italy, France... oh, and Europe."

However, some bits are tailored specifically to the met-

ropolitan area, like Redskins humor. Other jokes are timeless, like saying a man was mad because Oprah wouldn't give him a car or Martha Stewart prison gags.

Through the dialogue, it was revealed that the owner of the building, and Whitcomb's landlord, Isabel Churney, is a former top-ranked pianist.

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Shawnna's Debut 'Worth Tha Wait'

BY JOHN KENNEDY
Contributing Writer

With Lil' Kim's legal troubles, Eve's acting career and Foxy Brown's hiatus from the rap game, it seems that female lyricists are gradually becoming an endangered species. Shawnna, first introduced to the world on the chorus of Ludacris' hit single "What's Your Fantasy," has since blessed several tracks including the remixes of "Dude" and "Dip it Low." After years of playing the back in Ludacris' Disturbing Tha Peace clique, Shawnna finally releases her debut album, *Worth Tha Weight*.

Chicago's 2004 hip-hop resurgence is distinctly heard on *Worth Tha Weight*.

The two part "My Chicago" sets the tone for the entire album, making it known that listeners would not receive the sex-infested material common among female rappers. On "R.P.M.," Shawnna competes with fellow Chicagoan, Twista, for title of fastest rhymers of course measured in rhymes per minute. Kanye West makes



Shawnna releases her much-anticipated debut album *Worth Tha Weight*.

another Chicago cameo; producing the laid-back "What Can I Do," which features a verse from Missy Elliot. Surprisingly, Ludacris makes the album's only D.T.P. guest appearance, both on the aforementioned "R.P.M." and the album's lead single "Shake That S---."

Despite the many guest appearances, Shawnna proves she can hold her own on songs like "Kick This One," where she

rhymes over a beat box, discouraging any females that dare to challenge her. She gracefully rides Trackboys' infectious violin beat on "Weight a Minute." In contrast to the tough lyrics that account for most of the album's rhymes, Shawnna affirms her sex appeal on "Super Freak": Call me an undercover lover, I do what you like/Can do it anyway, anyhow, any night, so tight."

Worth Tha Weight establishes Shawnna as one of today's most complete female rappers. From the energetic, Just Blaze produced "Let's Go," to the reggae sounds of the Kardinal Offspring featured "Block Reincarnated (Remix)," *Worth Tha Weight* shows that Shawnna is capable of a variety of styles. It's an enjoyable listen that can be played from beginning to end, once again proving that rap is not only a man's sport.

Grade: B+

Interactive Whodunit A Hit

COMEDY, from L & S B2

After suffering a breakdown, she shrank from the public eye and now makes a life of property ownership and wreaks passive, aggressive havoc on the life of those around her.

The action starts to pick up when one by one, the characters all began to leave the room, and Mrs. Shubert is the soul occupant of the shop. They resurface sporadically and finally DeMarco bursts into the shop, declares that Churney has met an untimely death, and fainted into a chair.

Two police officers rushed the building and begin questioning each of the characters. Through this process, the gentleman, Mike Thomas (Mark J. Sullivan), Eddie Lawrence (Rahmeini Mostafavi) and Nick Rosetti (Aaron Shields) were finally given names. Once the interviews are completed, something unexpected happened, which separated this production for the typical play.

The house lights came up and the scripted action halted, and the detective explained that in order to nab the murderer, the previous action must be recounted and he was relying on the audience to make sure that nothing is incorrect or left out.

The characters then begin to retell the story, aided by audience members, who raise their hands to alert the detective that they have something to correct or add. Once everything

had been retold, the spectators directly question the suspects, and the conviction was voted on. Once the audience participation portion of the production was complete, the house lights dimmed, and the actors were once again left on stage to play out the drama, which culminated in an explanation and an arrest of the guilty party.

Overall, "Shear Madness" is a production worth seeing, if not for its witty banter or slapstick gags, then for the chance to play amateur sleuth and test your skills of observation, perception and deduction. The roles are well crafted and well acted,

and the off the cuff nature of the dialogue keeps it fresh.

The partially improvised play holds the record for longest running non-musical play

in American theater history, with the Washington, D.C. production ranking as the third longest running version. It has been seen by over 2 million at The Kennedy Center and has grossed over \$35.5 million.

"Shear Madness" is running at the Kennedy Center's theater lab until December. Show times are Tuesday to Thursday at 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m. and Sunday at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., with an extra show Saturday at 6 p.m. The price is \$34 for all performances, and a group rate of \$26 is offered Sunday through Thursday.



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Three Game Win Streak Has The Bison On A Roll

BY JOHN SCHRIFEN
Contributing Writer

After losing their first two games of the season, the Bison have now won three in a row after an impressive victory over Charleston Southern 24-6 Saturday afternoon at Greene Stadium.

Coming into the game all eyes were on the Buccaneers' Collin Drafts, the highly touted sophomore quarterback who had thrown for almost 900 yards and seven touchdowns on the season. But it was the Bison defense that stole the spotlight by pitching a shutout until the final minute of the game when

the Buccaneers were able to get on the board on a 12-yard touch-down pass with 31 seconds left.

"We had the shutout in our hands, and it just went right through our fingertips," said senior Linebacker Mike Sanders. "Defensively we are trying to kill [the opposing team] and deliver the knockout punch."

Athletically, the Bison were stronger and faster, but it was their mental toughness that eventually won the game for them.

The Buccaneers run a no huddle style offense, where the quarterback calls an audible at the line of scrimmage nearly every play. The Bison disrupted

that by constantly changing formations and making it difficult for the quarterback to read the defense. At times it resembled a chess match as Howard's defense acted like IBM's Deep Blue who could counteract every move its opponent made.

"We played an excellent defensive football team today," said Charleston Southern Head Coach Jay Mills. "[Offensively] we never got into a rhythm the entire game."

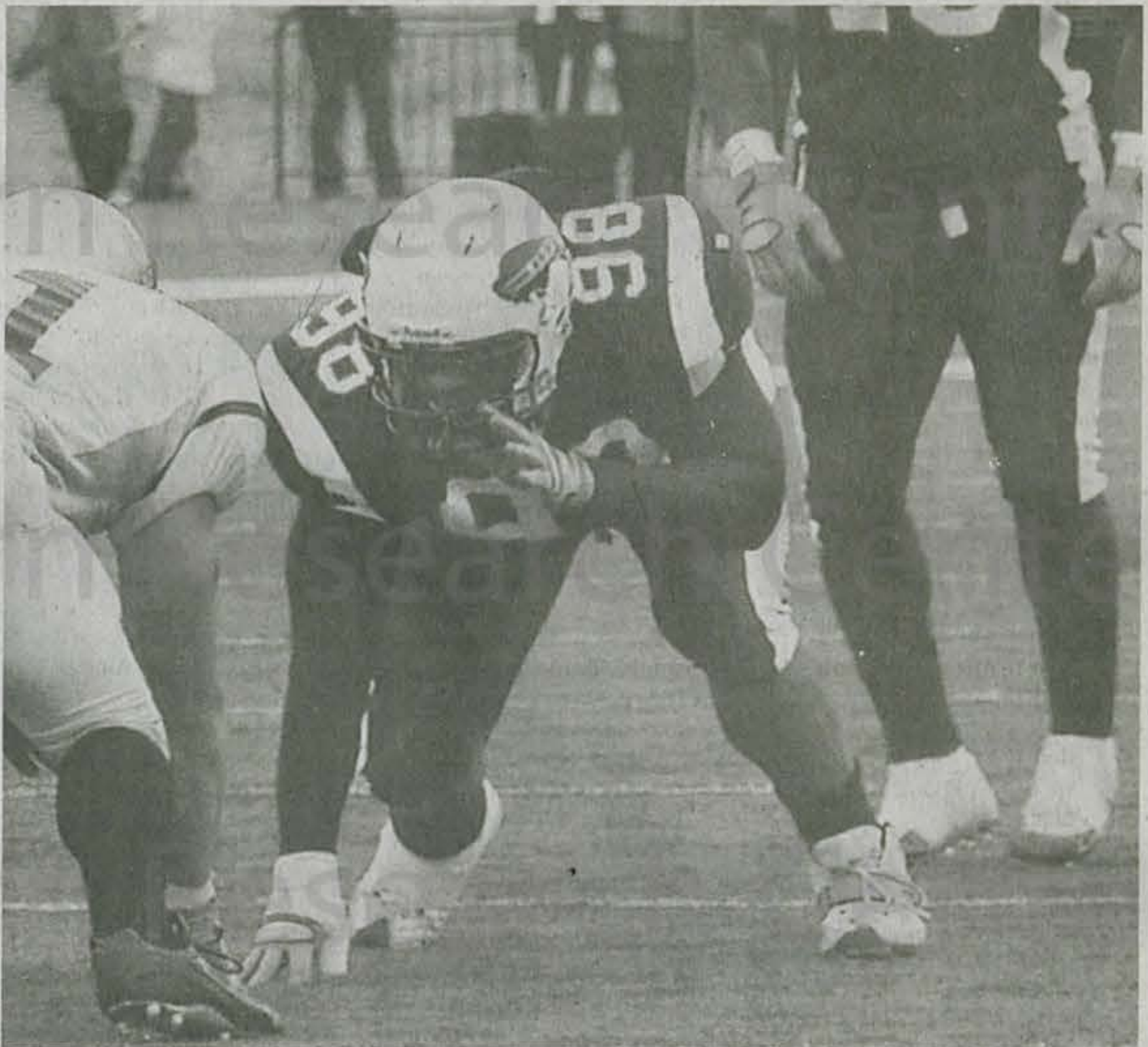
On the other side of the ball, the Bison's offense also gave a strong performance, but due to missed opportunities, they were never able to pull away from the Buccaneers. Senior Quarterback Marcos Moreno was 10-19 for 167 yards. He rushed for two touchdowns and added another in the air. However, he threw two crucial interceptions in the red zone when it looked like the Bison were at least guaranteed a field goal.

His first interception came in the first quarter, when on a third down his intended receiver Thyron Lewis ran a fade route into the back of the end zone, yet the ball was under thrown and picked off at the 2-yard line. His second interception came towards the end of the second quarter on third and goal when he forced another pass into the end zone that was picked off and ended the drive.

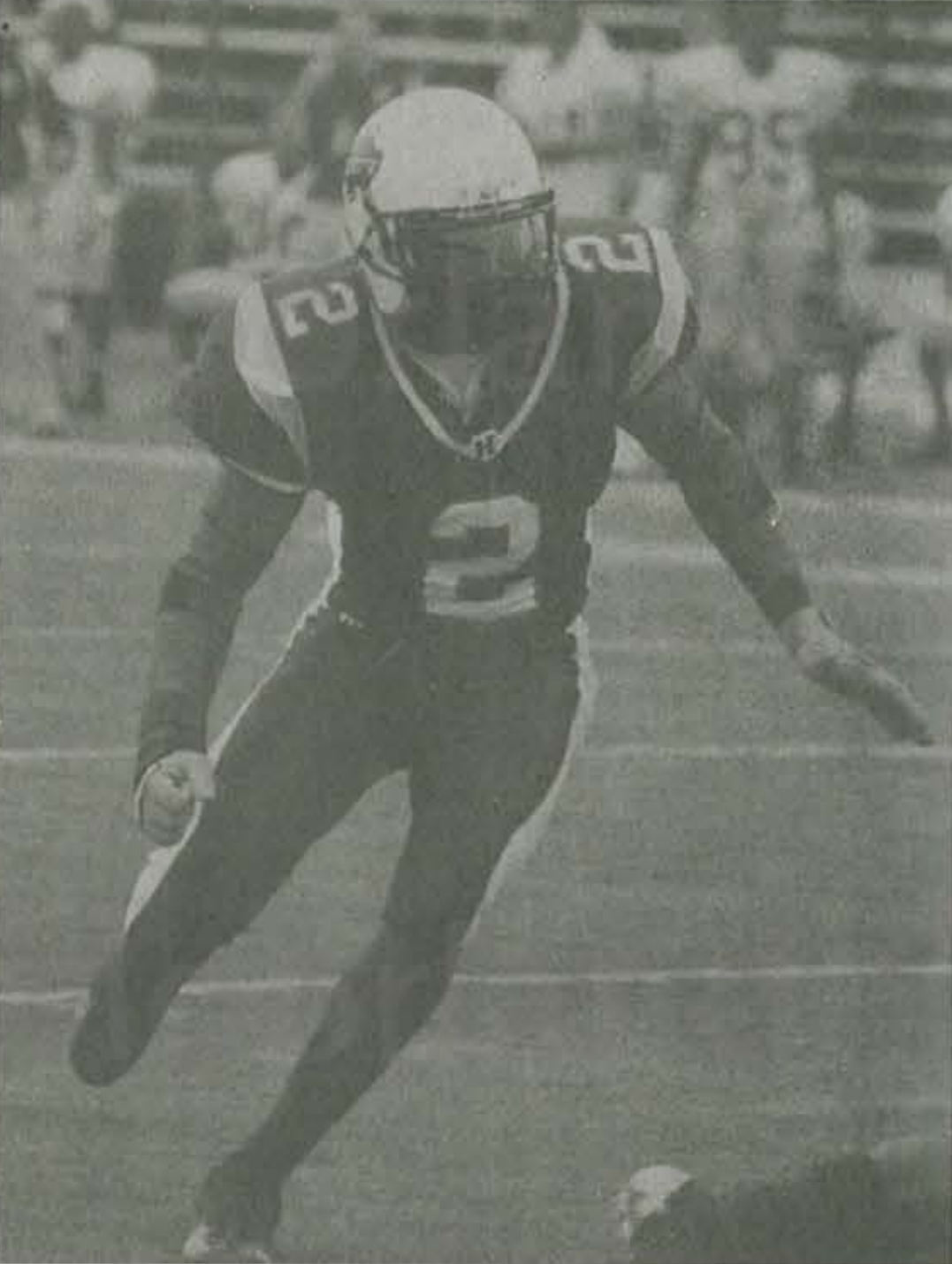
Ironically, his only touch-down pass came on a ball that looked like it was going to be picked off, but because it was a lob pass, wide receiver Larry Duncan went up and got it for the 16-yard reception.

"The coach told me anytime the ball is up in the air, it's anybody's ball," Duncan said. "I just went up and got the ball, made the quarterback look good." Duncan finished the day with a career high four recep-tions for 66 yards.

"Larry made some great



Jarrett Burgess (98) created havoc all day on defense for the Bison in Howard's win over Charleston Southern.



All-American Antoine Bethea (2) played a key role in Howard's defense in the Bison's 24-6 win over Charleston Southern.

Howard Tennis Ready for Invitational

BY ASHLEY ROSS
Sports Editor

Game, Set, Match! With the fall tennis season in full swing, Coach Larry Strickland and team are now preparing for the Hampton Road Collegiate Invitational this weekend in Newport News, Va. With approximately 45 schools participating from all over the country, the invitational pairs up players based on their talent and individual win/loss record for matches this season. The top players then have an opportunity to go on to ITA regional and ITA national tournaments later on this month.

When commenting on the success of the men's tennis team this season, Coach Strickland

asserted, "all of them are capable." However so far this season, Coach Strickland was quick to point out the accomplishments of two standout freshman, Maurice Willacy and Neillabh Avasthi. Traveling all the way from India to play tennis for Howard, Avasthi said, "It was a big change! It's (tennis) very fast paced compared to India." Avasthi thanks all his teammates for their support so far this season and simply hopes, "to win as many matches as I can."

The men's team has also been guided by, co-captains Kenneth Brown and Brandon Smith, who have been leaders in the truest sense. This past spring, Smith, a senior Cincinnati, Ohio native, had a record of 12-8 in the men's singles, and a record of 10-10 with Brown in doubles.

Last year Brown, a junior and Los Angeles native, was one of only a few African-Americans to make the MEAC all-conference first team. With his slice being one of the strongest assets to his game, Brown has increased his time spent running and in the weight room in preparation for the invitational. Brown believes "confidence, stamina, and discipline" are essential and he especially encourages his teammates to "focus on their work both on and off the court."

Last spring, the women finished 9-10 and 5-5 in the MEAC. With the women's team, Coach Strickland is looking forward to improving their footwork and strengthening their technical skills. So far this fall, the women's team has also been fueled by a handful of talented fresh-

men. Coach Strickland mentioned Jasmine Smith, Laura Marin, and Courtney Dorsey as possessing a lot of potential.

Coach Strickland said, "This was a very good recruiting year for both teams." The strength of a team and indeed a program can often be measured by "how much depth that you have," Strickland stated.

But with MEAC all-conference first team member Kristen Harris injured, the women's team has had to look to veteran Cecelia Townes to lead. Harris finished 5-5 in women's singles last spring and paired up as doubles partners (Harris and Townes), they both finished 4-6 in doubles match play. As a leader both on and off the court Townes was recently selected as an ITA Scholar-Athlete for being



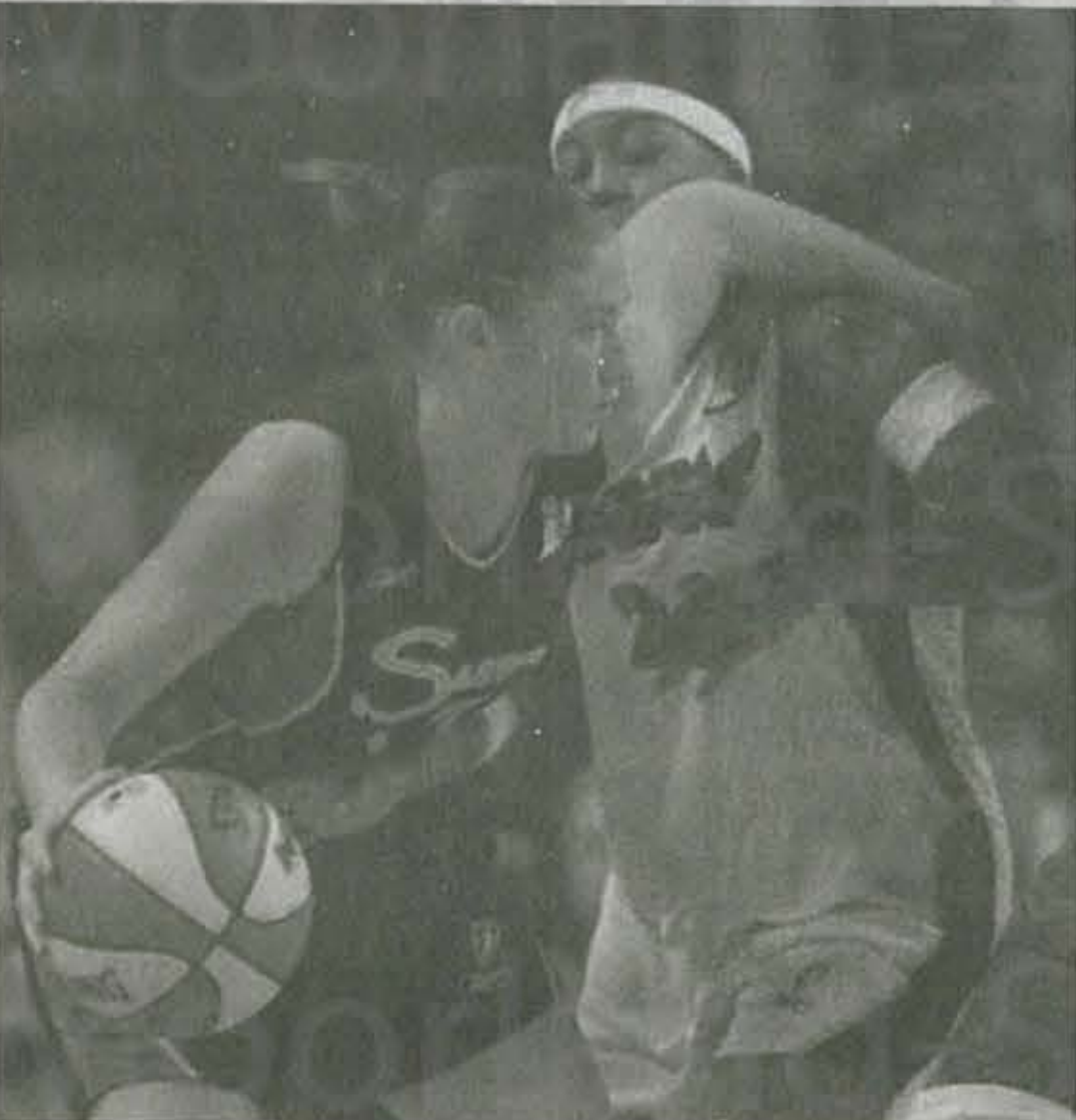
varsity letter winner and 'pos- sessing at least a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. Townes is now the 25th Howard scholar-athlete to be honored as such since 1999.

With most of the members of both the women and men's tennis team having played the sport

since childhood, many received national acclaim before arriving at Howard. Despite their previous accomplishments, Coach Strickland still hopes to improve upon the overall performance and execution of both teams.

MEAC FOOTBALL RESULTS	
Howard 24	Charleston Southern 6
Morgan State 28	N.C. A&T 26
Hampton 48	Gardner-Webb 25
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S.C. State 39	Norfolk State 14
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The Sun Battle The Storm for the WNBA Championship



The Sun's Nykesha Sales and Storm's Kamila Vodichkova fought for possession of the ball during Game 2 of the WNBA Finals this past Sunday.

BY COURTNEY EILAND
Hilltop Staff Writer

With the WNBA Finals now here, the teams have had a different look this year. After the dominant Los Angeles Sparks took an early first round exit followed by last year's champions, the Detroit Shock, the two teams left in the final round have been overlooked until now.

This season's WNBA Finals match-up consists of the second-year franchise Connecticut Sun who had a regular season record of 18-16 and the young superstar-led Seattle Storm who had a record of 20-14.

When both teams met up in the regular season, they split their series one win apiece with each team winning on their home court. Seattle took the first game, 68-63 while Connecticut bounced back to win the second meeting, 71-64.

WNBA analyst Ann Meyers gave some insight into what both teams need to do in order to win.

"In order for the Storm to win, they need to force Connecticut to take outside shots where they are less comfortable, play good team defense and rebound. Seattle out-rebounded Sacramento in the final two games of that series, and that made a huge difference. But if the big players play big, Seattle will be in good shape."

Seattle is led by young star, Lauren Jackson, who averaged 22.6 points per game in the regular season. Also playing a significant role for Storm has been second year point-guard Sue Bird who averaged 6.2 assists per game. Bird also had a three point shooting percentage of 48.3, which helped Seattle become the league's best three point shooting team in the regular season.

According to Meyers, "Bird and Jackson remind me of Stockton and Malone. Jackson can play all over the floor and no matter where she is, Bird will get her the ball. The two of them

do it all. Jackson can shoot, play with her back to the basket, put the ball on the floor, rebound, defend and block shots.

She barely missed from three-point range in the last series against Sacramento. And Bird can shoot as well, but she gets her teammates involved as well as anyone. Of course, she doesn't get assists unless her teammates hit shots, so it is a matter of knocking those down."

Connecticut is led by WNBA veteran Nykesha Sales, who averaged 12.2 ppg in the regular season. Rookie point guard, Lindsay Whalen, who averaged 15.4 ppg, has also had honorable mention in the success of Connecticut.

"In order for the Sun to win, they need to... get inside and play with poise. They have to get dribble penetration and Lindsay Whalen is the catalyst. This is a team that can make lay-ups and get themselves to the free throw line, but they can also kick out

to Douglas and Sales. The Sun must also keep the Storm off the glass and try and get Seattle's players in foul trouble.

Defensively, they need to help each other out and limit the Storm's three-point effectiveness. Connecticut can't let Seattle rattle them if they make shots early or get on a run. And making shots wouldn't hurt, either," stated Meyers to WNBA.com.

The key match up that fans are looking forward to will be between two young point guards Sue Bird and Lindsay Whalen. Although Whalen averages more points per game, Bird outshines her in assists per game.

The WNBA Finals tipped off Friday night in Connecticut. This year's champion will be only the fourth franchise in WNBA history to win a championship trophy behind the Houston Comets, Los Angeles Sparks and Detroit Shock.

ROUND ONE: YANKEES, SOX FIGHT FOR PENNANT

BY ASHLEY ROSS
Sports Editor

The planets have aligned once more to allow one of the greatest rivalries in sports history to continue tonight with the New York Yankees facing off with the Boston Red Sox for the American League Championship Series. According to foxsports.com, Gary Sheffield said, "This is what everybody drew up in spring training and now everybody gets to see what it's all about. When Schilling went to the Red Sox and A-Rod came here, that's what everybody wanted to see."

According to espn.com, Yankees General Manager Brian Cashman said, "We're the two best teams in the league—everybody knows it—and we (Red Sox GM Theo Epstein) both knew that if we took care of business, we'd be playing in the championship series."

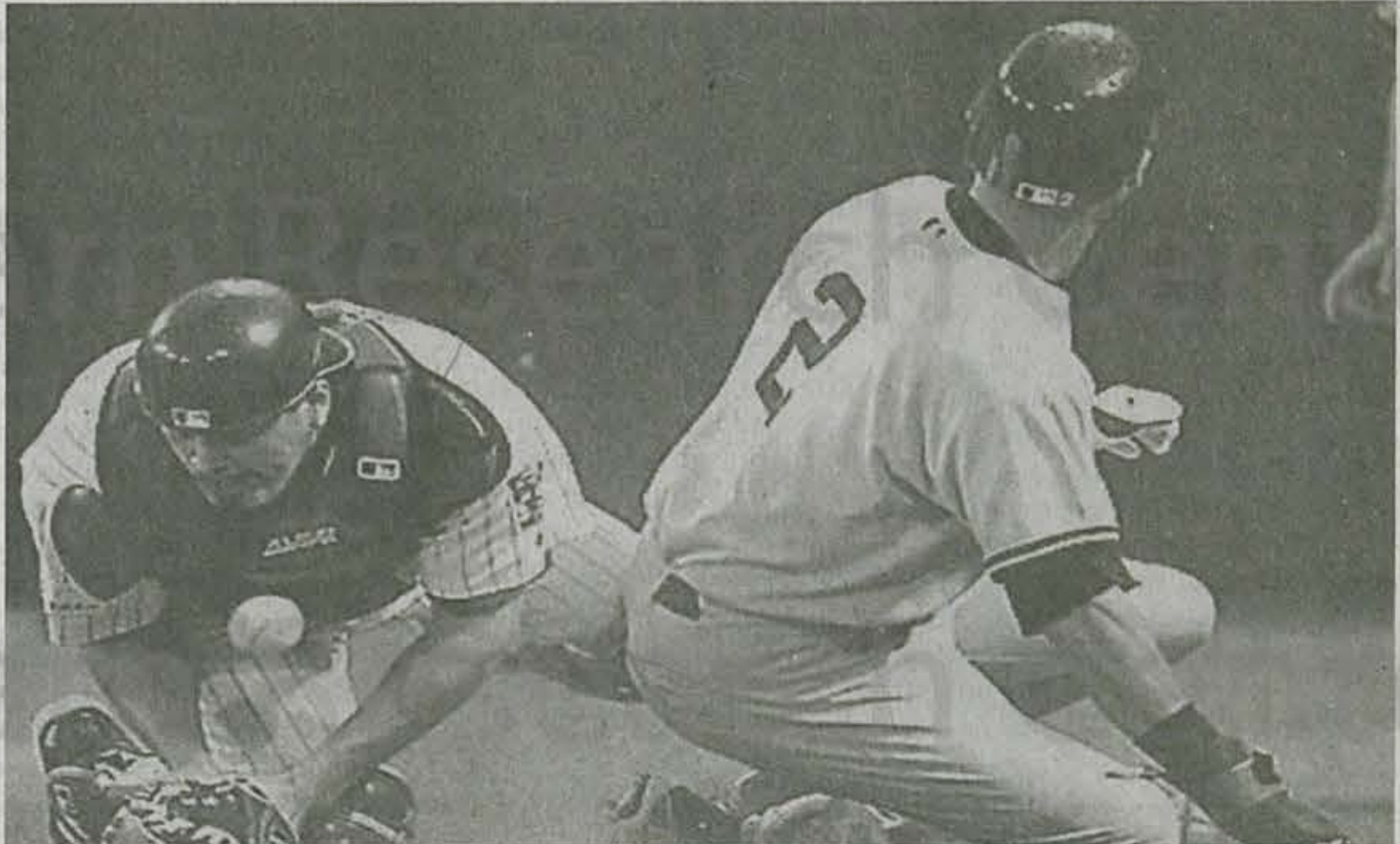
The very possibility of this titanic battle was looking some-

what grim this past Saturday with the Minneapolis Twins leading 5-1 going into the eighth inning. Had the Twins held on to their lead, the series would have been forced back to New York for a decisive Game 5. But the lead vanished right before the eyes of relief pitcher Juan Rincon, who leads all American League relievers in wins while holding batters to a negative .200 batting average. After riding the count to 2-2, Ruben Sierra tied the game on a hanging curve ball from Rincon, ripping it over the right center wall, bringing home Matsui and Williams.

"I had a feeling something was going to happen, but I didn't think I would do what I did," Sierra said to si.com. "I never think, 'home run.' I just know if I hit it good, it's gone." Post game pitcher Juan Ricon said, "It's tough to blow a four-run lead in the eighth when your team is in the game. Nobody wants to be in my [shoes] right now, let me tell you."

With the game on the line in the 11th, A-Rod then went on to steal third base and scored after a wild pitch from Kyle Lohse. "I've never been around so many guys that believe in themselves," Rodriguez told foxsports.com. "We have so many guys with big, big, hearts." A-Rod is now 28 for 32 in attempted stolen bases. A-Rod also hit .421 during the series with the Twins with three doubles and a home run. Sheffield commented, "When you think you've seen everything he can do, he continues to amaze you. He's the best player in the game, and he showed that tonight."

The Yankees are no strangers to great comebacks with a regular season record of 61 wins this year with nine of these just barely coming after they trailed by at least four runs. Boston, who swept Anaheim in the first round, finished three games behind the Yankees in the AL East. Although they won the wild card, they actually went 11-



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Twins catcher Henry Blanco lost the ball as the Yankees Derek Jeter scored their first run in the third inning.

8 against the Yankees this year. So will the curse of the Great Bambino continue to plague the

Red Sox? No ones knows. But Sheffield is counting the minutes, "I'm anticipating a great

series. They're not going to catch us off-guard like they did in April. We'll be ready for them."

The Real Rocky, Rocky VI

BY KAIA KARAMOKO
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Former heavyweight boxer, Chuck Wepner, is suing actor Sylvester Stallone for a share of the profits from the Rocky movies claiming the series was based on his career. Also known as the "The Bayonne Bleeder" for the punishment he received, even while winning, Wepner believes that he is entitled to a \$15 million cut for "Rocky" and its four sequels. He also claims that Stallone promised him compensation on several occasions but as of yet, he has not received any forms of compensation.

Wepner was born in Bayonne, N.J. in 1946. In 1975, Wepner enjoyed a brief stint of fame after he endured 15 punishing rounds against boxing legend Muhammad Ali. He managed to catch Ali with a right in the ninth round that sent him to the canvas, but he eventually lost the long bout. After watch-

ing this fight as a young Philadelphian, Sylvester Stallone was later inspired to write a screenplay modeling the career of Chuck Wepner, and hence the creation of Rocky.

Without question, the 20th Century blockbuster and its sequels have grossed an enormous amount of money. However to this day, Rocky himself, Chuck Wepner, has been left penniless.

According to an online CBS article, "Stallone has been using Chuck's name - and continues to this day - in promoting the 'Rocky' franchise without any permission or compensation," said Anthony Mangone, Wepner's lawyer. Michelle Vega, Stallone's publicist, declined comment.

Mango estimates the five Rocky films and associated products have brought in over \$1 billion. Wepner is entitled to part of that, his lawyer said.

"It's one thing to base a movie on someone, which you can do," Mangone said. "It's another to continually harp on the name for selling and promoting

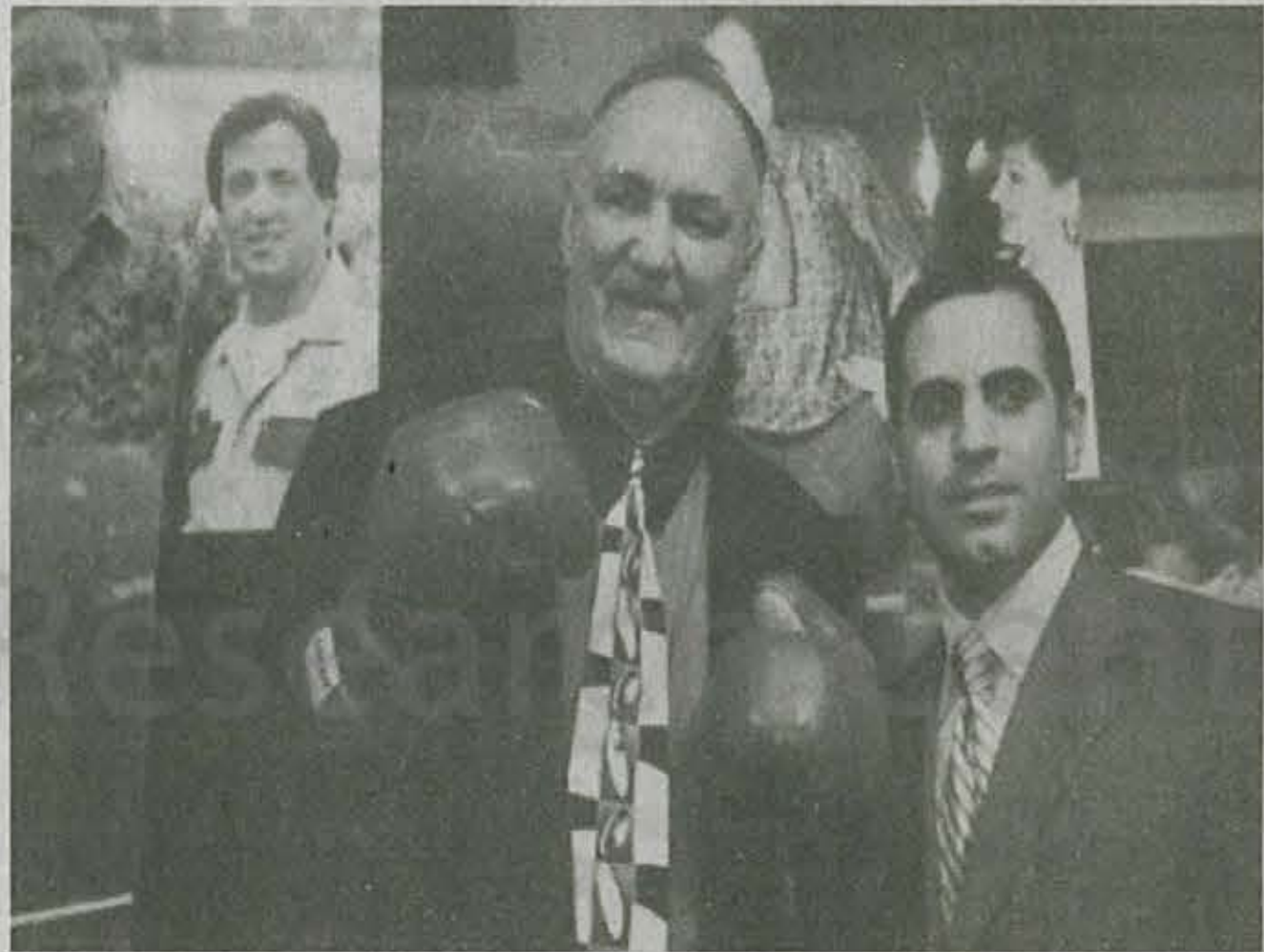
without any permission or compensation, which you can't do."

Throughout the 1960s Wepner was a New Jersey club fighter who had a string of victories. He eventually caught the eye of boxing promoter Don King and later earned the nickname, "The Bayonne Bleeder."

The Ali fight, though memorable, overshadowed an otherwise distinguished boxing career. Wepner has fought many other heavyweight champions throughout the world such as Sonny Liston, George Forman, and Ernie Terrell (all WBC heavyweight champions).

While fighting Forman, Wepner knocked him down in the second round, but the fight was ended in the fifth round because of eye cuts incurred during the fight. The same eye cuts were seen in Rocky I. Wepner also sparred with Joe Fraiser for over 70 rounds, when "Smokin' Joe" was training to defend his title against Tony Alonti.

Wepner retired from the sport of



Kathy Willens/AP Photo

Former boxer Chuck Wepner, "The Bayonne Bleeder," is suing actor Sylvester Stallone for a share of the profits from the Rocky movies.

boxing in 1986, and like many retired athletes he lectures and tours around the world spreading his expertise on

boxing. Wepner finished his career with 31 wins (17 by knockout), 14 losses and two draws.

Bess' Goal Lifts HU to Victory

BY EDWARD HILL JR.
Special to the Hilltop

Garden City, N.Y., Oct. 9, 2004-Jonnie Bess scored the game-winning goal in the 57th minute to lift Howard to a 1-0 win over Adelphi University in the Atlantic Soccer Conference (ASC) opener for both teams.

Bess, a freshman and the team leader in scoring, converted his third goal of the season after getting a pass from Brian Woodward.

The Bison (2-5-2, 1-0 in the ASC) had other chances to score but were turned away by the Panthers (3-6-0, 0-1 in the ASC) who stayed close.

Adelphi, which held a 7-3 advantage in shots on goal, had an opportunity to tie the game snuffed out by a brilliant save by Howard goal keeper Jason Williams, who finished with seven saves.

Howard will look to continue its winning ways when it travels to Harrisonburg, Va. to take on the Dukes of James Madison, October 15 at 3 p.m.

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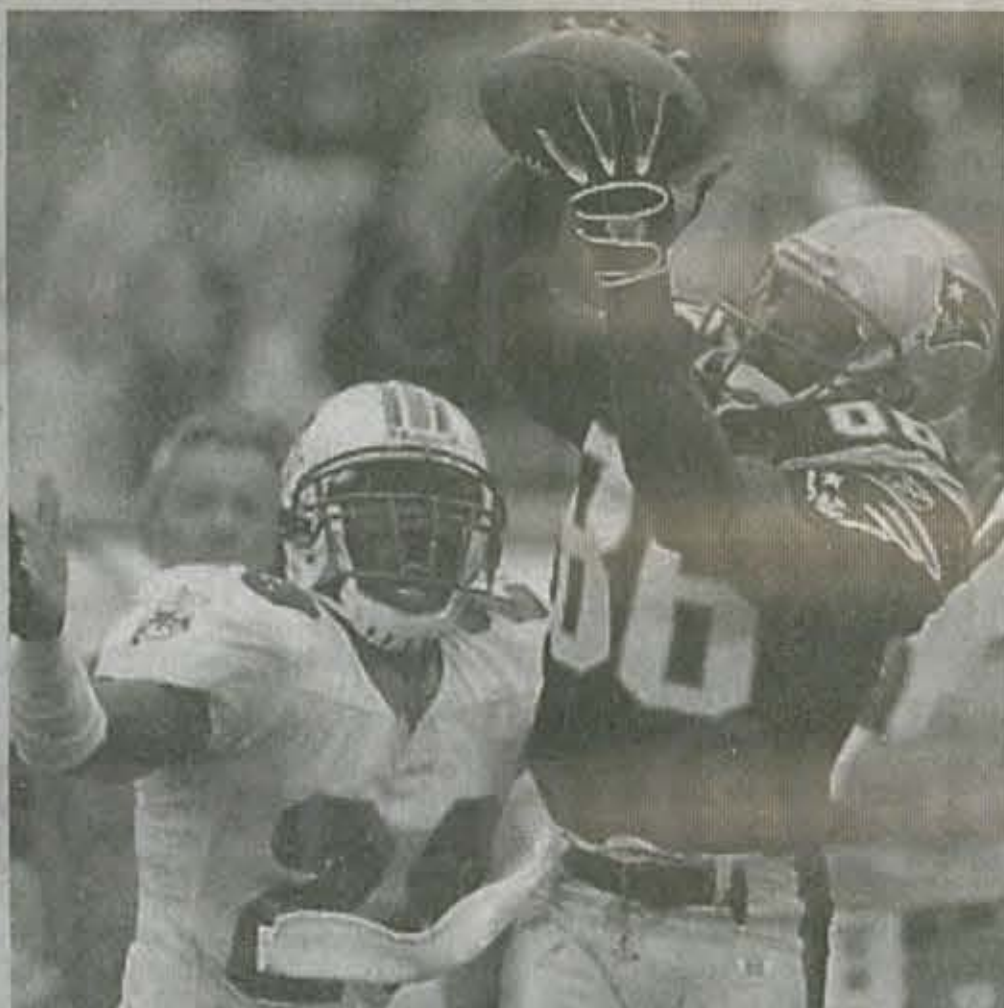
Adelphi (3-6-0, 0-1 in the ASC) 0 0 0

GOALS: HU: Bess, 57th minute
ASSISTS: HU: Woodward
SAVES: HU: 7; A: 2



Associated Press

This past Friday, Lisa Leslie of the Los Angeles Sparks was presented with the trophy for the 2004 WNBA Most Valuable Player Award.



Associated Press

Patriots receiver David Patten extends for a touchdown pass in front of Dolphins cornerback Sam Madison. The Patriots broke the NFL record Sunday with their 19 game win streak.

Chicago Bulls Legend Pippen Bids Farewell to the NBA

BY COURTNEY EILAND
Hilltop Staff Writer

After a 17-year career span in the NBA, Scottie Pippen has finally decided to call it quits. The 39-year-old shooting guard announced his retirement last Tuesday after a memorable career that included seven All-Star appearances and six NBA championship rings. Even with his retirement, Pippen is still guaranteed the \$5.4 million left on his contract for the upcoming season.

At a press conference last week, Pippen stated that he has had thoughts about retiring ever since last season after his prolonged knee injury. "It's been something that has kind of been lingering I guess since last season, having to go through surgery on my knee. Trying to rehab it comes a little bit tougher for you. Over the years all the minor injuries that I've suffered, I felt like they've taken a toll on me so maybe it's time for me to walk away from the

game while I'm still able to," Pippen stated. Pippen was originally drafted fifth overall in the 1987 NBA draft by the Seattle SuperSonics. On that same day his draft rights were traded to the Chicago Bulls in exchange for Olden Polynice. In his first 11 years with the Chicago Bulls, he made countless contributions in helping his team win six NBA championship trophies while playing in the shadow of NBA great, Michael Jordan.

Often known as "Jordan's sidekick," Pippen brought this theory to an end by simply saying that Jordan had not won any championship trophies without him. "I've heard that numerous times. But as I stand here and as I look back, I don't think Michael had any championship trophies without me. So that would be my answer to that question," Pippen said at his press conference.

In 1999, Pippen was traded to the Houston Rockets for a brief stint before he made a stop to the Portland

Trailblazers the following season. After four seasons with Portland, Pippen became a free agent in 2003 and decided to go back to the city where he started his career.

Bulls Executive Vice President of Basketball Operations Jim Paxson stated in an interview with NBA.com, "When we brought him back last year, I knew it was the right thing to do. He belonged in a Chicago Bulls uniform, no matter the fact that he went a couple of other places in between. I think that it's important that we recognize the guys who have meant so much to the organization and Scottie has meant so much to us. We were lucky to have him in a Bulls uniform for such a long period of time. The Chicago Bulls organization thinks the world of Scottie and he'll always have a place with us."

Along with his six championship rings, Pippen also has two Olympic gold medals to add to his basketball success. Pippen was among one of the NBA

greats who made up the 1992 Dream Team at the Barcelona Olympics.

In 1996, Pippen was selected as one of the 50 greatest players in NBA history. Upon his retirement, it is probable that Pippen will have his #33 Bulls jersey hung in the United Center. He is also expected to be inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

When asked how he would like to be remembered, Pippen stated, "I think the way I live my life and the way that I played the game, I want to be remembered as a great teammate; one who cared about each and every one of his teammates, who wanted to win, and who gave it his all. I think that's [how] any of my teammates or coaches or anyone who had any association with me will remember me." At the

conclusion of his 17-year career, Pippen has played in 1,178 games while averaging 16.1 points per game, 6.4 rebounds per game, along with 5.2 assists per game and 1.96 steals per game



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Scottie Pippen retires with six championship rings and seven All-Star appearances.

Bizzology:**Schmooszer's Digest**BY VENUS B. TAYLOR
Business & Technology Editor

Career Fairs, information sessions and interviews. These wonderful events all mark the beginning of schmoozing season. I mean recruiting season.

As companies come on campus to look for bright new talent, students become hungry for jobs and internships. A lot of résumés and business cards are exchanged, and the corporate schmoozing begins.

School of Business students are taught how to schmooze properly from Day One, but to the rest of us lost souls, here are a few tips, compliments of the Vault Guide to Schmoozing:

- Have goals but no expectations. You should know what you want; just don't expect to get it from any person in particular.

- Be curious and open to new people. Get rid of the mental barriers that keep you from approaching people of different ages, backgrounds, and hairstyles.

- Be interested in everybody. The sincerity of your interest will attract others to you.

- Keep in touch and keep interesting people in your life. Meeting and schmoozing people is only the first step. To keep the process going, and to meet even more people, make sure you keep in touch in a timely and consistent way. The time you spend calling, writing, and e-mailing will be returned to you tenfold in schmoozing fun and effectiveness.

Now, for those readers who don't like to schmooze, or don't think that schmoozing is for them, there's hope. Online resources are an easy way to make connections without having to get in someone's face and paint on a smile. Vault also offers some choices for African American online-schmoozing:

- Black Enterprise (www.blackenterprise.com)
- Black Planet (www.blackplanet.com)
- Everything Black (www.everythingblack.com)
- National Black MBA Association (www.nbmba.org)

Now don't get me wrong, these tips are not a full-proof way to land a job. Meeting the right people is effective only if backed by strong credentials and a sincere desire for that particular job or internship. So, before putting your all into meeting tons of potential employers, take the time to truly find yourself. Figure out what truly makes you happy; something that you would not mind doing for the rest of your life if money didn't matter, and go for it. Don't let the opinions or coercing from others point you in the wrong direction. Decide for yourself and schmooze, schmooze, schmooze until you get what you want.

Venus Brooke Taylor is currently schmoozing with every major investment bank on Wall Street. To schmooze with her, or for more advice on how to partake in your own schmoozing endeavors, send an email to Bizzology05@yahoo.com. And remember, the schmoozing bird always gets the worm...I mean job!

New Target Strikes PG PlazaBY SHENNETH DOVE-MORSE
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Many students face the dilemma of deciding where to shop for their dorm room needs. A new Target, which opened on Oct. 6, may be a solution for Howard students.

The Target, which is located at Prince George's Plaza Mall in Hyattsville, Md., is accessible to Howard University students by the Metrorail on the Green line.

This store will be replacing the former G.C. Murphy department store and other temporary replacements that resided in the space. Target will be joining two department stores, Hecht's and J. C. Penney, which serve as the anchor stores for this mall.

Target provides a wide array

of products for the whole family from electronics to housewares to dorm supplies, clothing and accessories. Many Howard students shop at Target and similar discount stores for accessories and supplies for dorm rooms and apartments.

Junior speech communication major Sueann Tannis is looking forward to shopping at Target because of its location.

"I hate going all the way to Wheaton just to go to Target," Tannis said. "I just think the closer it is to Howard, the better."

Students are enthusiastic that the Target store is going to be easy to access on the Metro.

The Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust (PREIT) was the company responsible for

leasing out the 136,010 square foot space that Target now occupies.

According to an article published on Business Wire when Target was in its planning stages last year, the new Target store will act as a catalyst for a \$6 million mall renovation, which includes new flooring, lighting and upgraded amenities. The company is currently forecasting a 12 percent return on its overall investment of \$17.2 million. The mall also houses 100 other stores that will benefit from the renovations that have taken place at the mall.

"Aside from providing somewhere to shop, I think the new Target will supply new employment opportunities for high school and college students and



Marlene Hawthorne-Staff Photographer

New Target Store in Prince Georges Plaza offers convenience to Howard students.

other people in Prince George's County community," stated major Isoke Nimmons. The location of the store See TARGET, News B7

Minimum Wage May Harm BusinessesBY TOMI AKINMUSURU
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The United States Senate may vote to raise the federal minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.00 by the year 2006.

According to www.blackcollegeview.com, there are some that view the proposal as a way to decrease the discrimination women and minorities encounter in salary distribution. However, the possible jump may be very bad for small businesses, especially minority-owned businesses.

"Places like Susan Fashion may have some problems with the increase in minimum wage, especially since they primarily hire Howard students," said sophomore Japanese major Marisha Melson. "They'll probably have to downsize."

When small businesses have to downsize the individual jobs carry more responsibility. In small stores, there might be a lack of security which means that the product is at risk.

"In my experience, salary increases mean that the quality of the product goes down," said junior health management major Candice Hunter. "However, with a potentially smaller number of employees, business would have to make their product more appealing in order to bring in more money."

Not all areas of businesses will be severely affected by the wage hike. Washington state and Massachusetts have their minimum wage already set at \$6.72 and \$6.75, respectively. Restaurants do not have as big of a problem with the minimum wage jump. Workers who earn tips have their base rate at \$2.13 because their tips should accumulate more than the \$5.15 wage. Most waiters and waitresses make more than minimum wage with their tips alone. However, the base rate will have to increase to about \$4.00. Also, raising minimum wage will make it harder for restaurants to have large staffs during times when there are training periods for new members.

"I think that the wage increase will be great for the people who work minimum wage jobs," said sophomore psychology major Stephanie Hicks. "People who work minimum wage jobs to sup-



port their family will have a lot more to bring home."

Although the proposal to raise the federal minimum wage seems like a great idea, many students see it as a potential problem.

"As possible employees, it might hurt the student population looking for jobs," said junior biology major Kasey Joyner. "Last summer, jobs were virtually nonexistent."

Junior biology major Antoinette Johnson agreed that the proposal might not be good for everyone.

"It's really going to hurt employers in the end," Johnson said. "Businesses might have to shut down, and even more so, our generation of business owners will have a harder time making budgets and starting businesses."

According to Blackcollegeview.com, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Federation of Independent Business Owners oppose the legislation arguing, "It will cause an increase in the cost of doing business and ultimately affect the consumer."

Hunter agrees with their sentiments.

"Especially since we are coming off of war times, money issues are very touchy," Hunter said. "It looks like it would be a good idea but I think that it will do more harm than good."

Alum Kleans Georgia Avenue for StudentsBY DONALD MCZEAL
Contributing Writer

Many remember the top-rated sitcom, *The Jeffersons*, on which actor Sherman Hemsley portrayed thriving businessman George Jefferson. This man, though short-tempered, had a keen-enough entrepreneurial spirit to successfully run and operate seven dry cleaning stores. Though he does not possess the same temperament as Jefferson, Howard alum Sinclair Skinner reflects the same drive and ambition as his TV-land counterpart.

Skinner, a 1996 graduate of Howard University's School of Engineering, strives to uplift the Howard community by giving Washington, D.C. youth, and Howard University students, employment opportunities. Skinner also serves as Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for Ward 1B of the District of Columbia. His business, Georgia Avenue Kleans, offers a variety of services that makes a difference in the Howard community.

"There was no local cleaners offering many services to the community before Mr. Skinner opened his doors five years ago," said Julia Hooks, 60-year resident of D.C. and friend of the store. She explains that dry cleaning has changed, adding that things were not as expensive as they are now. Skinner offers a good

service at an economic advantage that benefits all students. Long-time customer Kenneth Ward agrees.

"I am always pleased with the services and professionalism of the staff," Ward said. "I find that the employees are always African-American and beyond the cleaning of clothes there is always an intellectual conversation."

Mr. Skinner accredits Booker T. Washington with changing his politics on Black business.

"He was very progressive and believed that we should develop a trade," Skinner said.

Skinner also encourages young Blacks in the Howard community to make themselves useful and to be better examples. His advice to Blacks is to read books by Washington, such as "The New Negro" and Character Building.

"We appreciate Mr. Skinner and the employment opportunities," said sophomore allied health sciences major Chanel Coleman. Skinner also employs Howard University sophomore Tyren Gaines.

Howard University School of Business professors offer different advice than Skinner in reference to Blacks interested in becoming business owners. Department of Marketing Professor Richard Roundtree believes that blacks should be thoroughly prepared for the

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Howard alum Sinclair Skinner offers dry cleaning services to students at affordable rates.

Investment of the Week: Good CreditBY JORDAN SMITH
Contributing Writer

Establishing good credit can be painstakingly difficult for most people, especially college students. Credit cards have evolved in this technological world as a quintessential type of currency. Beyond being a convenient substitute for cash, credit cards are used as a means of identification, making online purchases, holding reservations and are now continually becoming a more frequent financial necessity. Additionally, for many college students, it is a means of establishing credit. Now, whether that credit is good or bad, depends on the holder. Some advice that young-money.com gives toward getting a credit card:

Compare credit fees.

Card owners may pay a variety of charges to use credit cards,

including annual fees, late fees, over limit fees and transaction fees. Learn about hidden fees to find the best lender. Make payments on time. Consequences of missing the due date include higher interest rates on future purchases for all credit cards, and late fees until an account is brought "current."

Understand credit card statements.

Check every statement for correct information, including purchases, credits and payments. Act quickly to correct errors.

Do not pay just the minimum due.

Paying more than the minimum will save thousands of dollars over time. A typical minimum monthly payment consists of 90 percent interest and 10 percent principal.

Repay student loans.

These are typically easy to

get but, with few exceptions, they must be repaid beginning six months after leaving school. If a student defaults and, if the collection agency finds them and they refuse to pay, the Justice department takes over to get them to pay.

An epidemic of college students possessing credit cards has become as common as having a meal card. This epidemic has been fueled by credit companies' persistent marketing approach that consists of offering teaser rates to attract students, issuing enticing gifts and establishing booths throughout campus.

The convenience and security of owning a credit card are limitless. Likewise, the amount of debt one can accumulate can also seem limitless if this privilege is abused. Many students think that the only way to establish a good line of credit is

through obtaining a credit card, but this is not the case.

Another method to establish credit is to first open a savings or checking account at a bank. Making regular transactions without overdrawing the account will demonstrate that the account holder is responsible with money. With exemplified responsibility with money, a framework is set in establishing a good credit record.

At this same bank, taking out a loan for a few hundred dollars and investing in a Certificate of Deposit (CD) entails the next step in establishing good credit. When the loan is taken out, let's say for a year, monthly interest payments will incur that may be five percent. Conversely, if the entire amount of the loan is placed into a CD, it takes a year to mature and issues a line of credit equal to or greater than that of the loan. If not,

the excess interest paid can be looked at as the cost of establishing good credit.

An additional method that assumes less risk than the conventional credit card is getting a secured credit card that is offered by most banks. The secured card can be correlated to a "pre-paid credit card" where the holder sets up an account with a bank allocating a predetermined amount of money, usually a minimum of \$2,000, and using the card for purchases up to that amount in the account.

For more information about establishing good credit go to a bank and talk to a customer representative or visit www.youngmoney.com/credit_debt.

Target Opens on Metro Route

TARGET, from Biz & Tech B6

seems to be a factor in whether students like junior psychology major Rhonicia Douglas plan to patronize the store.

"There are not many Targets, Wal-Marts or K-Marts in the vicinity or within Metro distance," Douglas said. "Stores such as these are in high demand when it comes to college students."

There are high hopes for the success of the new store. "Target promises to be a valuable asset to Prince George's Plaza," said Joseph Coradino, executive vice-president of PREIT's Retail Division. "This quality addition is in line with the company's objective of expanding our

national retailer base. Not only will Target help attract additional leading national retailers to Prince George's Plaza, we anticipate it will significantly boost customer traffic and sales, currently trending at just below \$400 per square foot and nearly 12 million visitors per year."

Students from the Prince George county area, such as junior biology major Claudia White, would know best whether adding this store to the mall was a wise move.

"I am from the Prince George's county area and I know what used to be at that mall," White said. "It's a good investment to the mall and the surrounding community."

HU Grad Mixes Biz, Politics

KLEANERS, from Biz & Tech B7

business world.

"The key to entrepreneurship is knowledge acquisition, a combination of formal education and street savvy," Roundtree said.

Department of Information Systems Professor Daniel Owunwanne also emphasizes the importance of becoming an educated businessperson.

"There is less competition in the education world than in the business world," Owunwanne said.

These are factors Roundtree and Owunwanne both encourage Blacks to think about before simply learning a trade and leaping into the world of business.

Destined to uplift and empower D.C. residents in the community, as

ANC Commissioner for Ward 1B, Skinner is responsible for forwarding residential complaints, from noise violations to parking issues, to the city council or an administrative agency. Mr. Skinner has successfully maintained the position for nearly six years.

In addition to maintaining his ANC post, Skinner has also taken the time out to become educated on entrepreneurship and built a business that benefits Howard University and the surrounding community.

Georgia Avenue Kleaners offers dry cleaning, emergency cleaning, pre-paid laundry services, tuxedo rentals,

tailoring, special catering for the deceased, and a student discount program at the two locations, 2626 Georgia Avenue, Northwest (located directly across from the School of Business) and 3106 Georgia Avenue, Northwest. Store hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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CDs: They’re Not Only For Your Stereo

How often do you hear this story? Your friend, who is attending Howard on loans, gets a refund check because his or her loan money superseded the amount of money it costs for tuition. How many times have you heard this phrase “My refund check is here! Time to go get that car/Homecoming outfits/Spring Break package” (take your pick of materialistic indulgence).

Because many of us have never had to manage our finances on our own, some of us simply do not know how. The lack of financial knowledge often results in poor money-making decisions, like squandering loan money (money in which you already owe and are already going to have to pay interest on) on material things that only depreciate in value. It doesn’t help that our generation places

such a high value on materialistic things.

We come from a generation that glorifies having hundred thousand dollar rims and iced-out grills but looking like you have money and actually having it are two different things. And

while a CD may have been what fed you the ridiculous notions of being “hood rich,” many of us need to learn about the other CD—a certificate of deposit—and other investment means for that matter.

We could try to tackle the huge issue of money-management and the likes, instead we’ll

throw a few simple hints of advice. All we’re trying to say is students should really look for wise ways to spend their money, and investment just happens to be one of the wisest ways to spend.

The University offers entrepreneurial classes and other classes that can teach students how to use their money to make money, but more than relying on the school, students should take a proactive role in learning the ins and outs of making their money grow like it’s coming from a tree.

As cute as it is to dream about being the next rapper, model, actress, or star athlete making millions of dollars a year, the reality of the situation is that many of us are going to have to work hard for the money.

Our View:

Student should seek to learn the power of investment in order to gain financial security for the future.

Gang Act Won’t Fix Problems

Over the years, there has been much controversy and discussion about street gangs and the violence that they incite. The latest attempt to tackle the issue is the Criminal Street Gang Abatement Act of 2004.

Brought forth by Sen. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), this recent stab at ceasing gang violence may allow for heavier prosecution of those accused of being affiliated with a gang.

Currently, the legal definition of a street gang is three or more people’s cooperation to commit two or more gang crimes. Under the proposed bill, those who fit this description will have to face stiffer penalties. Those involved in the recruitment of gang members will face up to 10 years in jail, those who commit two or more crimes with a gang can receive 30 years, and those who commit murder can be given life or the death penalty.

We are all for criminals

paying for their crimes, but this bill does not sit well with us. This seems to open up the door for prosecutors and other law officials to peg these harsher crimes on those who may not deserve them. What if someone accidentally gets caught up in a group of people that were committing a crime?

Not only will they take the fall for the crime, they could potentially get life or even worse, death, because law officials wanted to prescribe the label “street gang” onto the situation and this law would allow people with the title “street gang” on them to endure harsher punish-

ment. As much as law officials stereotype, we can foresee the day when this law is abused.

We just do not see this law being the solution to a deep-rooted problem. Instead of providing a law that can be misused, we think that the Senator should push for funding for programs for these gangs. Federal funding for anti-gang programs has been dropped 67 percent in three years. When these programs exist, they help.

Last April, four of Los Angeles’ housing projects signed a truce and according to the LAPD, the amount of gang related deaths has decreased over 50 percent since.

Legislators need to look more to positive answers to our nation’s problems before being so quick to slap faulty laws on the problems, which ultimately sends mass amounts of people to jail.

Our View:

Instead of always looking for negative ways to fix a problem, legislators need to start looking for more positive solutions.

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The Big Payback?

Hampton University’s newspaper, The Hampton Script, has taken more than its fair share of beatings lately and even though we have a long-standing rivalry with the fake HU, as fellow aspiring journalists, we can’t help but be outraged with the changes that they are having go through!

Last year, the staff at the Script made the executive decision to print a letter from their school’s president on the inside of the paper, rather than on the cover like their president wanted. This decision caused their president to seize an entire press run of the paper and the ordeal, which garnered national attention, called to question the credibility of Hampton’s Journalism program and even caused some sponsors to pull their funding from the school.

Even after the fallout of last year, the administration had the audacity to further censor

the Script! After the staff put in hard work and time to publish their first issue on September 29, they were told that the issue wouldn’t run because they didn’t have an editorial adviser.

We think that this is a very weak reason for not allowing them to print. Surely the administration had ample time to find an adviser and if they didn’t they could’ve had someone sit in until they found a permanent adviser. We think that the administration is just trying to get back at the students for what happened last year.

No matter what the reason,

the administration is doing their journalism students a great disservice by continuing to censor their paper. The first amendment grants us all the right to free speech and this is a right that journalists especially hold dear.

Being censored by a power figure does not allow the expression of true journalism. The administration is not allowing their students room to grow into the best journalists that they can be and they are not preparing them for the real world.

Recently, the Script was given three advisers so their first issue will go to print tomorrow. We truly hope this is the end of the saga for the Script! We would like to extend our best wishes for the school year and hope that they continue to fight for their rights as journalists.

Our View:

While their administration continues to censor the Script, we applaud the staff for continuing to hang in their and fight for their paper.

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The Truth About the Truth Campaign

MORGAN JOHNSON

Cigarettes kill people. This is a fact. Many people know this and choose to smoke anyway. Why? Because it's marketed as a rolled up piece of paper that's a casual drug, like alcohol. It makes you relaxed and its legal so it can't be

harmful right? Wrong.

If you watch TV you've seen an advertisement called the truth campaign. So what is the truth about the truth campaign? Did they just make up those statistics? Are they being overly dramatic? No, they aren't. The truth campaign is a company geared to young people seemingly run by young people. They expose the truth about tobacco. They have been around since 1999. The American Legacy Foundation funds their ads. A visit to their website www.truth.com will lead you to a list of cited statistics about the dangers of cigarettes.

Cigarette companies still market these cancer sticks knowing the dangers of



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cigarettes. The truth campaign is a way for concerned citizens to fight back with knowledge. For example, did you know that ammonia in cigarettes boosts the effect of nicotine? Licorice and cocoa added to cigarettes are bronchodilators that allow for the inhalation of more smoke and absorp-

tion of more nicotine. Seventy percent of smokers want to quit but can't. Only three percent succeed in quitting. There are 599 additives in cigarettes and the companies are not required by law to list them. Cigarettes kill more than AIDS, murder, suicide, fires, alcohol and all illegal drugs combined and it is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States. More than 440,000 deaths each year are caused by cigarettes and more than 75 billion is spent in medical costs. Don't believe it? Many of these statistics come from the CDC website, look for yourself.

Smoking is a personal choice; just make sure if you do smoke or decide to try it, you know exactly what you're getting into; the cigarette companies sure aren't going to tell you.

Love is Always Beautiful

DAVID GANTT

What a shame to read about the Nigerian sports officials who think that braids and locks "promote a homosexual lifestyle." Of course they are wrong, but also they are deluded into thinking that homosexuality was introduced by Western cultures.

The exact opposite is true. In areas of Africa where there has been no Western influence and no influence by modern Christianity or Islam, Africa can be seen as it once was. Much like the Native Americans on this continent, African tribes untouched by the West and Islam are very gay-friendly. For example, the Dagara of Burkina Faso hold gays in high esteem and refer to them as the "gatekeepers" who bridge the earthly world and the spiritual world. Nelson Mandela himself made certain that the new South African constitution was the first in the world to include equal rights for gay citizens. And the great Archbishop Desmond Tutu speaks out frequently of the many evils caused by homophobia and mistreatment of gays.

Indeed, those societies that are the most humane and

beautiful are inevitably those where gays are valued. Show me a basket case nation and I will show you one that is racked with homophobia.

It is not acceptance of gays that was introduced to Africa by the West. It was homophobia, introduced by Western Christianity and Islam. And this irrational hatred of gays certainly played a real part in destroying communities across Africa.

People are born gay in every nation on earth. Anyone who thinks this is a bad thing should study the matter more carefully, reading the many books of African spiritual leader Malidoma Some and America's great Black theologian Rev. Peter Gomes. No less a scholar than Henry Louis Gates recently said that if it were not for Black gays and lesbians, there would have been no Harlem Renaissance. The video "Keep the River on Your Right" (available at Potomac Video) is also an excellent source for debunking the homophobic mythology. We need to get over the myths of the past and learn to love each other as Jesus intended us to. Love is always beautiful.

Looks Like Another Love T.K.O.

RHONDA L. TAYLOR

In the words of Teddy Pender, the 'female-bender,' I think you better let it go. *Looks like another love T.K.O...*

He hasn't called you in two weeks. When you spotted him on the Yard, he smiled at you. He left his conversation with his boys to come over and speak to you. And to top it off, he gave you a hug...and not just any hug. He gave you one of those extra-close, super tight, "he must really like me" hugs that lasted for two point four seconds longer than he hugged the last three girls (according to your stopwatch). But he hasn't called you in two weeks.

Tight hugs, charming smiles and lengthy, flirtatious conversations are all symbolic cues communicated between men and women on Howard's campus, which suggest the possibility of potential romance. Unfortunately, these cues are often times meaningless flirtations that are misperceived as signs of romantic interest from the opposite sex. So where does one draw the fine line between interpreting the difference between a *flirt* and a *future*?

As maturing young adults that prepare to swim from a small pond to a big sea that calls for one to efficiently analyze complex situations, it is necessary that one learn to use his/her better judgment in the name of decision-making. It is crucial in one's future relationships to skillfully determine whether a romantic prospect of the opposite sex is interested in a one-night stand or a one-life stand...or neither.

Holding no degrees or substantial experience in the area of love and romantic relationships, I am not positioned to give earth-shattering or life-changing advice. It is my goal to make good use of my amateur experience in romantic dealings to assist those, who are analytically challenged, make

appropriate decisions in the afore mentioned area.

The 300lb undefeated heavyweight champion "Love" vs. You.

Round 1: He hasn't called you in two weeks.

You are probably excusing him from this obvious display of disinterest by proclaiming that he is busy (perhaps dental school is getting the best of his time). Or perhaps he accidentally dropped his phone in the Potomac River...or better yet, he didn't lose his phone, just your number. You may be so desperate to excuse him from this inexcusable fault that you have begun to blame yourself. "Maybe I haven't effectively communicated my interest in him" or "Maybe I haven't given him a valid reason to call." Do me a favor, grab a sharp knife and cut the B.S. Your existence and his interest are the only reasons that he needs to call and if he can't pick up the phone to call in two weeks (which takes approximately five to seven seconds; if he hasn't called in two weeks he has had 1,209,600 seconds to call) then his interest is the reason he lacks. Trust me, the excuse of losing a number as a reason to not call is the most overrated excuse in this category. I have liked guys so much that I wrote their phone numbers down in multiple notebooks and pieces of paper in case I ever lost my phone.

Round 2: Fellas, maybe she calls you often, but when she sashays past you on the Yard with her girls, she looks you dead in the eye and fails to acknowledge your presence.

You are excusing her by proclaiming that she probably just wants to keep things on the low. I'm thinking that the bama is just being *low down*! Under the circumstances that one wants to keep a relationship under wraps, he/she should have enough respect to acknowledge your presence...even if the acknowledgement is

a simple "hello".

Round 3: Perhaps everything is great. He/she acknowledges you in public and calls you on a consistent basis. In fact, you two talk on the phone everyday...you have talked on the phone everyday for a month and you have yet to hang out once in public.

Whenever you bring up the idea of the two of you catching a movie or going out on any venture that involves a public appearance, he/she makes the plans, but never comes through. Perhaps the following sounds familiar:

I'm a laid back guy, let's just chill at my place tonight; I'm not really a going-out type of dude; Why go to a theatre when we can watch DVDs in my room?; I really want to keep this good thing we have between us, so that people won't hate on us; Let's just order pizza instead of going through the trouble of getting all dressed up and going out.

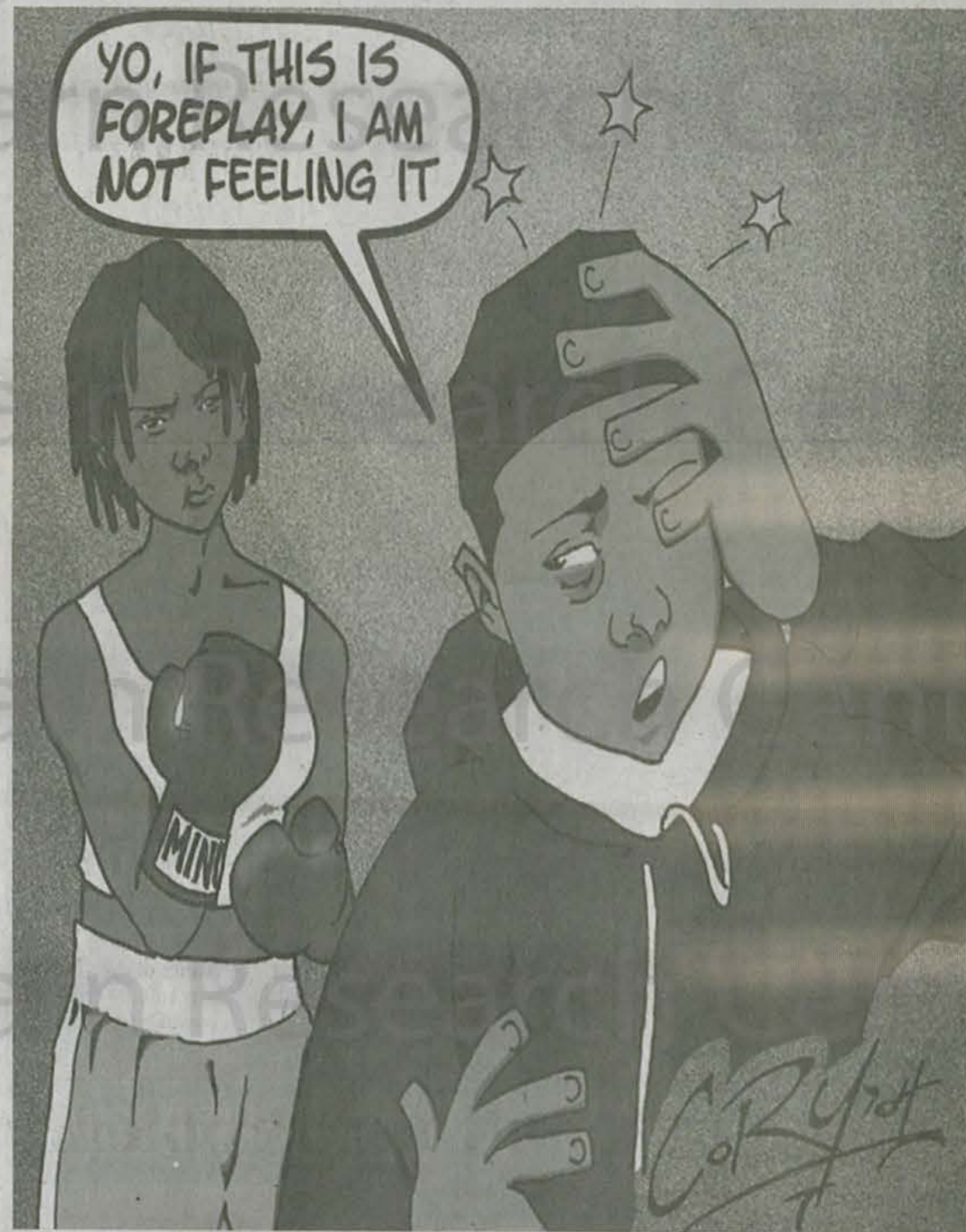
I pity the fool who has consistently fallen for those explanations/excuses as to why the two of you have been *chillin* for a month or two, and never hung out outside of the bedroom. This person is not being cheap or lazy. He/she isn't trying to be seen with you in public because he/she already has a significant other and is taking preventative measures against getting busted.

Let's put a few things into perspective for your poor unfortunate soul. Analyzing the romantic intentions of a prospect of the opposite sex is a hell of a lot easier than rocket science or selling pre-paid legal. Use common sense and think with your brain, not your emotions. Often times the answer that you seek is standing right in front of you...promiscuously sliding his hand around your waist and asking you what you are getting into tonight. If you pay attention now, you won't have to pay the costs later.

Looks like another love

T.K.O and after receiving three uppercuts to your pride, four rights to your heart and a combination to your emotions, I am stepping in as referee and ending this match for you.

Love, the undefeated world champion of the world, once again takes home the bacon.



D.C. 101: So Much To Learn

AIYI'NAH D. FORD

Since the time you have arrived at Howard you have been told it is the "Capstone", the "Hilltop" and the "Mecca" (dramatic music plays in background). But the District of Columbia has a few nicknames of its own, please allow me to share them. Along with "Chocolate City," D.C. can also be referred to as the "ghetto", the "slums", the "projects" or the "hood." While I love my hometown, the reality is D.C. is a very dangerous, deadly and fast paced city. It is full of ignorant people who are looking for someone to test their gangsta. Some students have experienced culture shock while others take it in stride. Those who are not from here need to remember to be on their "Ps and Qs." Here

are a few tips to ensure that you remain a student at HU and not a patient at HUH.

Keep your hood to yourself. You may have been the hardest one on your block but this is not your block!

If you do not know the street, do not walk down it. Everyone knows that tourists like to sightsee, but the back roads of the District are not the best place to do so, especially at night. Don't go out alone at night! Surely you've heard the stories about people getting robbed.

Speak only when spoken to. Washingtonians have built a reputation for being rude. So the best way to avoid a confrontation with a local is to address them only when they address you. You never know what you might see so when replying to



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Forget what you heard, there are many sides to DC, some that you may not know about.

them be sure to look ahead. You never want them to think you are staring, so never look directly at them.

Do not listen to or repeat rumors. Whatever you may have heard about D.C. do not repeat it. Locals love their

home and it can evoke a lot of bitter feelings when you slander it. Again this is where having a native as a friend can help. Ask them, most likely what you heard isn't true anyway.

Guys do hit girls. Your mother probably told you that any man will not hit a girl, here that is true, a man will fight her. It's a harsh reality but it is real. Ladies, do not flirt with these guys, when a car stops keep going, watch your tone, please, and sip but stay sober.

Respect the rainbow. Whatever your feelings are in reference to homosexuality, it is your best bet to keep it to yourself. There is a vast homosexual community in D.C. and they do not appreciate negative comments. It is very likely that you will taste the rainbow if you come out of your mouth incor-

rect.

While these pointers may seem ridiculous, we live in a ridiculous society. You should be willing to do whatever you can to make sure you stay safe. While I have told you some of the things I know, the reality is you still have so much to learn.

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RUTHIE RUTH, HERE'S YOUR SHOUTOUT. LOVE YA MUCH. ~ KIRSTIN

Chen, Evelyn, Joy & Kristin, Words can't express how much I appreciate your work this weekend. You all make my nights in the office much easier. The paper looks good and it wouldn't be so without you. Shanelle, we're praying for you girl! Sincerely, Stacey

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHARISSE GRIFFIN

HOPE YOU HAD LOTS OF FUN AT THE ETHIOPIAN RESTURANT. WE HAD A NEW EXPERIENCE.

LOVE YOU, ARION SHANI SHAYNDA

I, I had a great time this weekend. Thank you for ALL of your help including your many Hilltop contributions. I love you. -"Fortunate"

Dear One Black Man, I still need some advising. Yours Truly, Un-Advised

Charreah, Just wanted to let you know that you are always on point, you never let me down. -Arion

Fawn

Hope you get better, we miss you so much, especially your funny comments and expressions. -Stacey & Arion

Shaunda, Thanks for having my back this weekend. -Arion

Thanks to everyone who came out of Sensory Overload. It was truly a historical event. Congratulations Rokko the Best DJ on campus -Maya

Shanelle, We pray that all is well with your mom. -Your Hilltop Family

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We all survived and looked out for each other the way it's supposed to be. We couldn't have done it without each other.

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